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Preliminary exam begins in local homicide case

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A confrontation over alcohol use allegedly led a Beaver Creek woman to murder her roommate, according to a state police investigator.

The preliminary exam for Catherine Ann Belski, 42, began in Crawford County District Court last Thursday. Belski is being charged with open murder - homicide for allegedly killing Laurie Pray Paulison, 44, on June 20. Belski faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Gregory Fick, Belski's cousin, was the first to testify at the preliminary exam. Fick said he was camping at the South Higgins Lake State Park on Father's Day and left his campsite to get fuel, beer and firewood. Fick stopped at Belski's cottage to see if she had some firewood, but could not locate her. He then went to a store in Roscommon. When Fick returned to the cottage a second time, Belski walked out as he pulled his truck into the driveway. Belski asked Fick to take her to a nearby party store when the two greeted.

Fick said he stayed in the truck after arriving at the store, and Belski came back from the store carrying a grocery bag and a pop.

Fick said Belski told her about Paulison on the way back to the cottage.

"She said, 'I think my room-

mate may be dead. I can't wake her up,'" Fick testified.

Fick said that Belski was crying, was soft spoken and hard to understand.

Fick went into the cottage when they arrived, leaving Belski in the truck. He said he saw Paulison's foot sticking out from a pile of covers. He said her foot was cold when he touched it, so he walked out of the cabin and called 911 on a cellular phone.

Ronald Bates, an EMT for Mobile Medical Response, said there were no efforts to revive Paulison when they arrived on the scene because they could not find a pulse or see any respiratory activity.

"She obviously had been gone for some time," Bates said.

Steve Haight, a paramedic supervisor for MMR, said Belski was talking on the phone when they entered the cottage. Haight said he could not determine what Belski was saying or who she was talking with.

Haight, however, testified he did hear Belski say: "Please tell me I didn't have anything to do with this."

Haight used a flashlight to examine Paulison, who was turning purple because of the pooling of blood in her head. The two EMT's asked Belski to leave the cottage because it appeared to be

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VISITING SANTA



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Santa Claus stopped by the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Saturday following the Santa Parade held during the community's Christmas Walk celebration in downtown Grayling. Pictured above, Shane Buckles, 6, Nathan Buckles, 6, and Billy Buckles, 10, tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

Neighborhood Watch formed in Sherwood Forest

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Speeders, drug users and vandals in the Sherwood Forest Subdivision: Beware. The residents in the neighborhood are fed up with your actions and are uniting together with law enforcement to restore a peaceful community.

About 30 residents living in the Sherwood Forest Subdivision located in Grayling Township just west of the City of Grayling attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting last week.

As the subdivision has grown to having about 100 homes in the last 30 years, incidents of vandalism, drug use and traffic have become growing concerns over the last couple of years.

Citizens in the subdivision have been working with Crawford County Sheriff's Kirk Wakefield to put a stop to the unwanted activity.

Residents were allowed to vent at the meeting last week.

Speeding and traffic was one of the themes raised several times during the meeting.

"I don't want to see a catastrophe," said one resident.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

About 30 residents living in the Sherwood Forest Subdivision located in Grayling Township attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting last week where Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield urged citizens to band together to look out for their neighbors, homes and belongings.

Medicine or food?

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Medicine or food? More and more Crawford County residents are having to make this choice.

Crawford Area Resource Exchange (CARE) is a group of social workers and other professionals who work with the adults of Crawford County who, among other problems, have no health coverage. Some because they have no jobs, others because their employer does not offer health coverage and still others because they make too much money to be eligible for Medicaid.

CARE representatives said at least 500 adults in this county have to decide whether to purchase their prescription medicines or food. Low income senior citizens who have Medicare but no prescription coverage are also faced with this impossible choice.

As winter approaches the situation is predicted to get worse as home heating costs put an additional strain on those with very limited funds.

One recommendation made by CARE is to get help by looking for drug cards. One card which is available to Michigan residents is MIRx, Michigan's

prescription drug discount card. The card, which usually gives about a 20 percent discount, is available free to residents who have no health coverage. Applications for this card may be picked up at the Family Independence Agency, the Commission on Aging, most doctor's offices and pharmacies.

Those on Medicare may also use the MIRx card. Other drug cards are available, but the drugs covered and the discounts offered change often so one must choose carefully. For those needing help making a choice, contact the Commission on Aging for assistance.

CARE suggests patients should check with their doctor to see if there is a generic or even a name brand medicine which is equivalent but cheaper.

They also recommend that people get prescriptions from only one doctor and get prescriptions filled at only one pharmacy so adverse drug interactions can be avoided.

Finally, if it is too expensive to purchase all of your prescriptions, ask your doctor to prioritize your medicines so you do not eliminate the most vital ones simply because they are more expensive than some of the others.

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a crime scene due to the way Paulison's head and neck were wedged between the bed and the back of the couch.

Trooper Tim Heliin from the Houghton Lake post of the Michigan State Police, was dispatched to Belski's home around 6 p.m. for a suspicious death call.

Heliin said Paulison's body was partially covered with her foot and upper torso exposed when he went into the home to investigate.

"The head and neck were pushed down into that void in the couch and was clearly not visible to me at that time," Heliin said.

After requesting to have Detective Sgt. Tim Lenhard come to the scene, Heliin said Belski consented to get into his police cruiser for an interview. Heliin said Belski was visibly intoxicated, because she had trouble speaking, keeping her eyes open and he could smell the strong odor of alcohol.

Belski told Heliin three different stories when he asked her if she had been drinking. At first, Belski told the trooper she just quit drinking. Belski then told him that she may have had a drink with Fick on their way back to the cottage. Next, Belski acknowledged that she had been on a three-day drinking binge.

Belski also told Heliin that she did not know what happened to Paulison.

"At first she said, Hell no, I can't remember," Heliin.

Eventually, Belski told Heliin

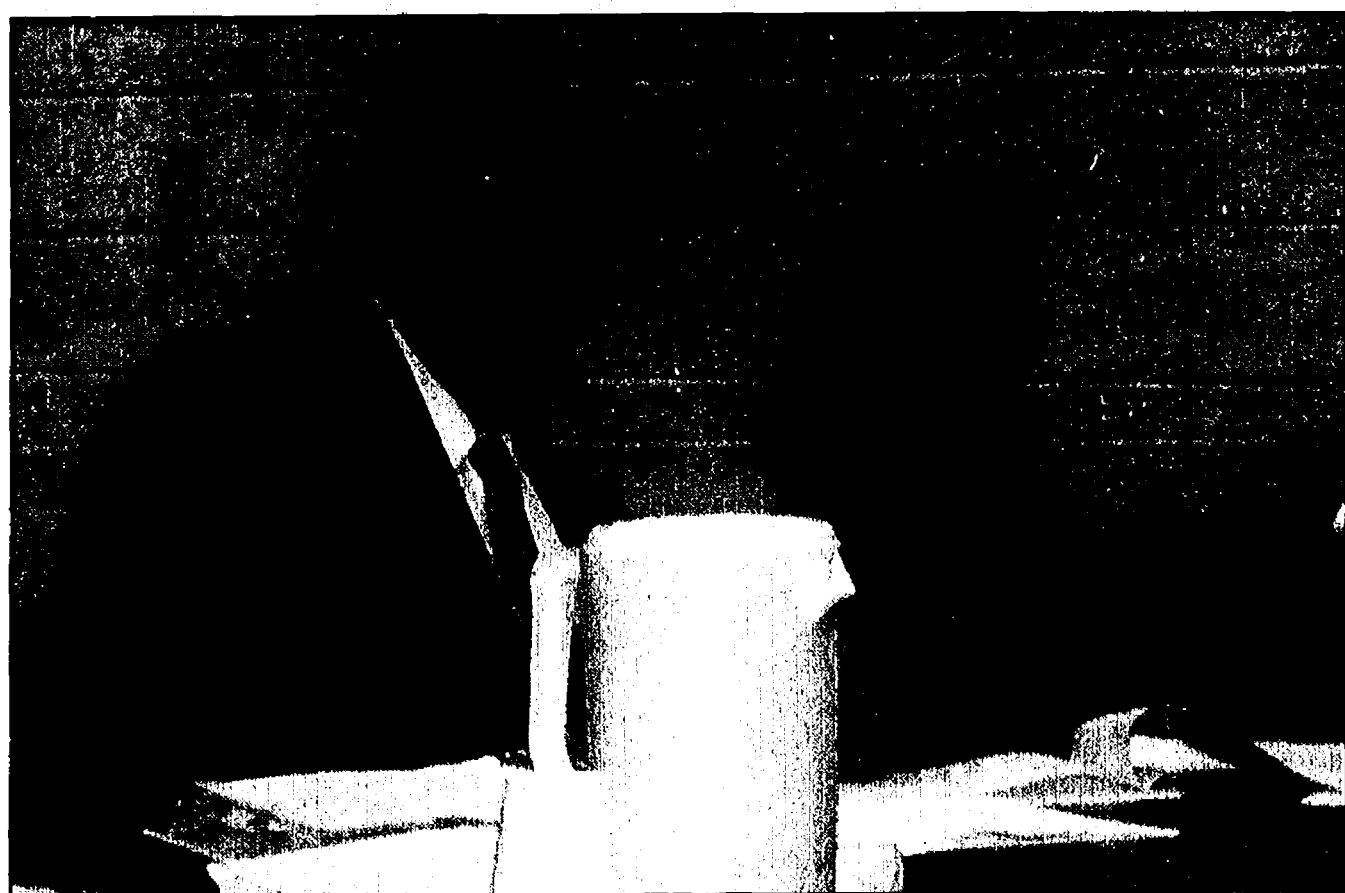


Photo by Dan Sanderson

The preliminary exam for Catherine Ann Belski, 42, pictured above next to her court-appointed attorney Jim Deamud, began in Crawford County District Court last Thursday.

that she and Paulison had been in a fight because she was trying to quit drinking and Paulison kept bringing alcohol into the home. She said that Paulison had threatened to strangle her with a shirt when she threatened to leave the home.

After pausing, Belski asked Heliin if she "had a part in killing her lover" or if could be found "culpable" - deserving of fault.

"That was just the way she left it," Heliin testified.

Heliin said Belski was allowed to exit the vehicle because she told him she was claustrophobic.

He said Belski blew a .21 when asked to submit to a preliminary breath test.

Heliin said Belski's mood changed from being gentle and calm to becoming agitated and threatening officers when they were at the scene.

"It was some of the most severe mood swings I've ever seen," Heliin said.

John Lucey, a technician for the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Grayling, said he observed two blood stains on a couch cushion found near the bed, where Paulison's body had been lying.

Belski's preliminary exam will be continued at a later date.

Brian Hunter, a pathologist from Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, was unable to testify at the preliminary exam last week.

Jim Deamud, Belski's court-appointed attorney, objected to having Hunter testify by telephone because he could not view photographs.

Dave Sabin, the assistant prosecuting attorney, said a precedent Supreme Court case said that an expert witness is not required if there is sufficient evidence from lay people that a death had occurred.

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phe," said Mary Brown, stressing that cars race up and down the road at all hours of the day. "The speed is just terrible."

Unruly youth, theft and vandalism were other issues raised by the residents.

"You can't believe some of the words that are coming out of these kids' mouths," Nancy Glasslee said.

Wakefield encouraged residents to establish Neighborhood Watch block captains and coordinators, who will be charged with relaying regular reports to sheriff's deputies and Central Dispatchers. He also urged residents to hold regular meetings and to keep the sessions simple

and orderly.

"You don't want it to get too complicated because you're talking about something that's close to your hearts - it's where you live," Wakefield said. I'm here to help you and I'll do whatever it takes."

The sheriff said he would also work with local officials to establish a four way stop at the intersection of Old Dam Road and Nottingham Drive to address traffic and speeding concerns.

Wakefield encouraged residents to play it safe and advised them to not confront criminals, stressing to funnel the information through the block captains.

"If you're looking for a confrontation, you'll get one because some of these guys have no fear

at all," he said.

Wakefield said he would also work in conjunction with Family Independence Agency to address youth and family concerns in the community.

Residents of the subdivision collected donations to purchase Neighborhood Watch signs, which cost between \$13 and \$21. Wakefield vowed to bolt the signs up in uniform.

"Pretty soon, the bad guys are going to be looking over their shoulders and they'll be on edge," Wakefield said.

Wakefield also stressed that the Neighborhood Watch program must be vigilant not to lose momentum once initial concerns are addressed. He said the established network of information

between residents and the sheriff's department will help overcome budgetary and scheduling roadblocks once the 24-hour road patrol is restored next year.

"The more people that are behind me, the faster those roadblocks come down," Wakefield said. The Neighborhood Watch program became prominent in the late 1960s in response to an increasing burglary rate, but its roots can be traced all the way back to the days of Colonial settlements when night watchmen patrolled the streets.

The National Sheriff's Association took the Crime prevention concept a step further in 1972, making it a national initiative.

Grayling Visitors Bureau moves office

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Grayling Visitors Bureau announced last week that the Visitors Bureau has relocated its office.

Due to a lack of private office space in the current Chamber building, the Grayling Visitors Bureau has moved to the Northland Area Federal Credit Union building, utilizing one of the offices that formerly housed Michigan Works.

It is not the intent of the Visitors Bureau to have a store-

front office. Business and tourism information will continue to be distributed through the Chamber of Commerce office located in the Grayling City Park.

The Grayling Visitors Bureau is a nonprofit organization consisting of 18 lodging properties which promotes Crawford County as a recreational destination through various marketing tools. The focus of the Grayling Visitors Bureau's advertising is primarily the southern Michigan market.

The Grayling Regional

Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization consisting of 325 members, providing business group benefits, event coordination and a voice for business with local, state and federal government.

To become a member of the Chamber or for other information, call Chamber President Tim Zigila at 348-2921 or email chamber@grayling-mi.com.

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Newspaper donated to *Avalanche* for display

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A piece of history is returning to the Crawford County *Avalanche* as the newspaper marks its 125th anniversary.

Grayling barber Aubrey Welch has donated a Crawford County *Avalanche* which was published on February 23, 1882 to the newspaper. Welch discovered the paper which was folded up in a book belonging to his mother-in-law, Jean Gothro, who recently moved out of her home into an assisted care facility.

The paper will soon be on display in the front offices of the newspaper for readers to see, hanging above an antique printing press.

"That's where it belongs," Welch said. "I've got enough old stuff in this barber shop."

The newspaper is one of the first editions published by Dr. Oscar Palmer, who purchased the *Avalanche* from the Salling, Hanson and Company, a group of the businessman who operated a general store and lumber store in Grayling.

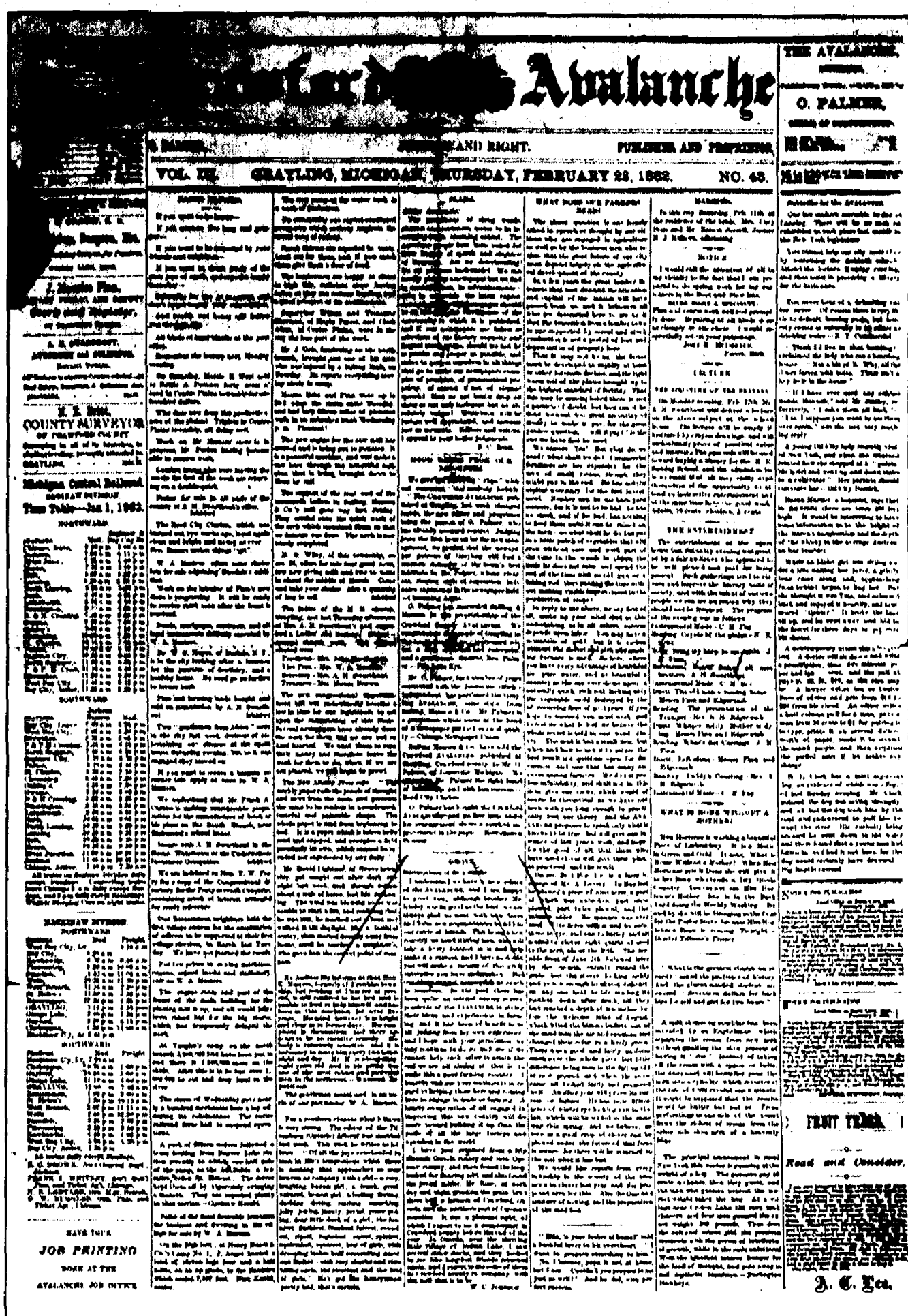
For years, Palmer was generally referred to as the "Grand Old Man of Grayling."

He was loyal to the last word and worked hard for the promotion of Grayling, industrially, agriculturally, religiously and civically.

Palmer was one of the organizers of Marvin Post No. 240 Grand Army of the Republic and held several state and national offices in the organization. Through his efforts the property for the post was deeded to the Grayling Post No. 106, American Legion.

Palmer was also instrumental in establishing a local historical society to preserve the history of the county.

The paper has a couple of articles regarding the transition of the county from a lumber town into a farming community.



This Crawford County *Avalanche* from 1882 will soon be on display at the newspaper's office.

It also has news stories from several other news papers from across the country.

The paper lists the county officials and a list of townships. Fredericville. There were also

Ball, Center Plains and Grove Townships.

"I can remember when we used to go over to the Grove and play," Welch said.

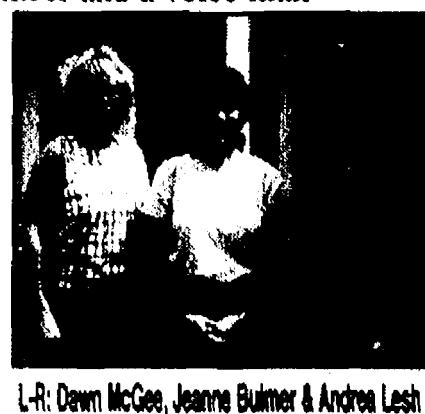
Since newspapers play a roll in recording "living-history,"

Richard Milliman of the Milliman Communication Inc, the owners of the *Avalanche*, said he is pleased to have the newspaper on display for readers.

"We're pleased that the Welch family is proud of the Crawford County heritage and for helping to preserve history, just as we are," Milliman said.

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Actions of trustee questioned but Beaver Creek gets what it wants from the library board

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

After talking with library trustee Carol Raybuck at their November meeting, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners asked her if she was willing to resign from the library board. She said no.

Raybuck's resignation was requested after she told the library board she had asked for their contract with the Beaver Creek library to be removed from the October 11 Beaver Creek Township board meeting. The tape of the library board meeting was played for the Commissioners at their October meeting. On the tape, Raybuck said she was acting as an individual, not as a library board member. After some discussion, the Commissioners sent a letter to Raybuck asking for her letter of resignation by November 1.

Raybuck responded by letter saying there were some inaccuracies in the Commissioner's letter. She asked for an extension, which was granted. She then appeared at the November Commissioners meeting to discuss the situation.

Raybuck told the Commissioners she did not ask for the contract to be removed from the agenda. She said she met with Sharon Hartman, Beaver Creek Township Clerk and former library board trustee, before the township meeting. At that time she expressed reservations about the length of the contract. At that time Hartman suggested the item be removed from the agenda so it could be cleared up. Raybuck agreed with

Hartman, which Raybuck felt was as good as asking for it to be removed from the agenda.

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley, who was in attendance at the November Commissioners meeting, told them it was his responsibility to set the agenda and without talking to Raybuck, he also talked to Hartman about his concerns with the contract before the meeting. It was then removed from the agenda.

At the conclusion of the discussion with Raybuck, Commissioner Dave Stephenson asked her if she did not see her actions as presenting a conflict of interest, Raybuck said no. When asked if she was willing to resign from the library board, Raybuck again said no.

The Commissioners then had the option of dropping the matter or pursuing it further. They opted to pursue it further and set a December 2 meeting with the prosecutor to discuss the matter.

Meanwhile, Raybuck was told she is still a member of the library board and should continue to be an active participant. Ironically, the contract which started this whole action was brought up at the November 8 Beaver Creek Township board meeting. The board wanted a contract for 5 years with the library staffed 25 hour per week.

The library board had initially offered a six month contract with the library staffed for 10 hours per week.

When they learned they would be able to have a Michigan Works person for six

months, they changed the contract to 25 hours per week, but kept the contract length at six months.

Since the contract gave either party the option to get out of the contract with a 60-day notice (standard in all library branch contracts), Beaver Creek officials said the only reason they could see for the six month contract, was that the library board wanted to close the branch library in the township. The township board voted to send the contract back and ask for a 5 year contract.

Riley appeared at the November 11 library board meeting to plead the township's case. The library board then voted 5-0 to extend the contract to five years.

With their vote, the library board has now agreed to staff the Beaver Creek Library 25 hours each week for the next five years. The 25 hour per week commitment is larger than the commitment at either the Frederic or Lovells libraries.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Despite war and discord and terror, let us give thanks

(Note: Many of the following thoughts first appeared in *The Almanack* a few years ago. With a few fresh thoughts and words adjusted to fit Thanksgiving 2004, the sentiments are unchanged. Happy Thanksgiving!)

WHEN PILGRIMS more than 350 years ago decided to offer special thanks to Almighty God for a plentiful harvest, they probably had no idea how the Thanksgiving holiday they unintentionally inaugurated in this country would develop.

In those days, there were no thoughts of football games or Christmas shopping or just dozing on the couch after a huge meal of turkey and dressing and pumpkin pie.

The Pilgrims had in mind a far simpler routine. They were faring well in a strange and harsh land, and — religious folk that they were — they knew a higher being was influencing their progress.

Recognizing this, they bowed their heads and prayed, in essence, "Thank you, God, for all you've done for us."

The Pilgrims knew about God, and they revered God. That's why most

of them had traveled across the ocean to an unknown future in the first place.

And, while they were at it, giving thanks on that cold November day, why not celebrate a bit, too? Why not invite over a few friends and neighbors to share their good fortunes and enjoy a big dinner?

And so it was. Foreign settlers and Native Americans sat down together in peace, sharing gifts of harvest and fellowship.

Really, the first Thanksgiving is an amazing and refreshing story.

* * *

BUT THAT WAS then, and this is now.

Why should we, today, here in America, be thankful?

Yes, we have plenty to eat. America's enemies have not denied us that. Supermarkets are full of food, and most of us can have anything we want to eat and drink. It's been that way for a long time.

True, we're involved in a strange and mystifying war in Iraq and a boundary-less battle against terrorism. Where they

will eventually lead us is unknown.

But most of us, by most standards, are pretty well off. And even taking into account the sorrows and uncertainties created by those who hate us, most Americans still are happy, more or less.

So why get all soft and mushy about thanking God for this and that? Besides, these days who, or what, is God anyway?

Sparked by the 9-11 terrorist attacks against America three years ago, much of the nation turned anew toward religion and prayer. But we still cannot talk about God in some classrooms, and in some places and under some circumstances, we can't even admit God exists.

Why don't we just skip all that "thankful" stuff and just enjoy the holiday, and settle down to a big dinner, and eat too much, and then plop in front of the tube and watch a football game, and everybody go shopping the next day? Isn't that what Thanksgiving in America has become?

* * *

IF WE REALLY get serious about it, each of us can find many things for

which to be thankful.

How about progress itself? Bear in mind that our forefathers did without sugar until the 13th century ... without coal fires until the 14th century ... without buttered bread until the 16th ... without tea or soap until the 17th century ... without matches or electricity until the 19th ... without autos, canned or frozen food until the 20th.

Each of us can add favorite one-time luxuries which are now necessities — running water, indoor plumbing, central heat, television, saran wrap, microwave ovens, computers, telephones, ice cream cones, and on and on.

The point: Even if we may not feel thankful for the more important but intangible blessings such as love and health and family, which often are taken for granted, we enjoy many material gifts which none of us earned but which all of us can enjoy, and for which all of us should be thankful.

And in this special year, we also should be thankful for the America that has developed from that first Thanksgiving almost 400 years ago, and

for our continued resolve to stand up for what we believe is right. America may not be perfect yet, but we're still working on it.

* * *

FOR MYSELF, I appreciate and I'm thankful for all those material things we take for granted but don't deserve by our own merit, such as soap and electricity and frozen foods.

But I am even more thankful for other things which I did not earn on my own either, but which I treasure and strive to deserve — such things as life itself, and faith, and health, and love, and ability, and opportunity, and family, and children, and grandchildren.

I know, too, from where these blessings flow, and where my thanks should be directed, especially on Thanksgiving Day, but also on every other day as well.

The Almanack wishes you a happy, and thoughtful, Thanksgiving!

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

VIEWPOINT

By Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Winter safety tips

While winter is synonymous with the joy of the holiday season, there is also danger in the cold and icy weather of the winter months. By taking precautions now, Sheriff Wakefield hopes the residents of Crawford County will stay safe this winter.

Swirling winter snowflakes seem to turn into a blizzard in the blink of an eye. Sheriff Wakefield wants area residents to know the four most common winter weather notices so you can take the proper action.

Winter storm watch - Be alert, a storm is likely, but has not been spotted yet.

Winter storm warning - The storm has entered, or is approaching your area.

Winter weather advisory - Conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists.

Blizzard warning - This is the most dangerous situation. Combinations of snow and strong winds will produce blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts, and life threatening wind chill. Seek refuge immediately.

Before heading out onto snow-covered roadways, Sheriff Wakefield cautions residents to pay attention to travel advisories and adjust your plans accordingly. Additionally, Sheriff Wakefield provides some tips on what you can do now to stay safe later.

Winterize your car - Check levels of antifreeze, oil (10W30 is best for colder months), windshield wipers and fluid and tire pressure. Replace your battery if it is more than three years old, or if it no longer holds a full charge. Carry an ice scraper with a brush for removing snow.

Prepare an emergency car kit, which should include: sand or kitty litter to provide traction; snow shovel; candles to provide light and heat inside your car; blankets; non-perishable food items and water; brightly colored cloth to use as a flag.

Additionally, always maintain a full tank of gasoline and keep your cell phone charged. Sheriff Wakefield urges every person who will be on the roads this winter to carry a cell phone. "In so many instances, the difference between life and death has been a person's ability to call for help from a cell phone."

It is also highly important that residents prepare their homes for the coming winter months. Have your furnace checked by a certified technician, seal any windows leaking air, and create a home emergency kit that includes the following items: battery operated radio to listen to weather forecasts; candles and matches or flashlights and batteries; extra blankets including some for sealing doors and hanging over windows; non-perishable food, several gallons of water, and extra supplies of prescription medication.

For any outdoor activities this winter, Sheriff Wakefield advises citizens to put on several layers of lightweight, loose-fitting clothing, choose mittens over gloves, and always wear a hat. The combination of strain from cold temperatures and heavy exertion (shoveling, pushing a car, or walking in deep snow) can trigger a heart attack in people who are susceptible. With this information, the citizens of Crawford County can prepare themselves for the winter ahead and more fully enjoy the beauty of the season.

Prices keep going up!

To the editor:

Who do we blame? Me, you can blame me, but I can also blame you. We are all to be blamed.

Someone says there is a shortage of something and the price goes up. But then it never goes down again.

It started with sugar in the seventies, shortage of beets and cane? Then came oil, a big deal, prices started at 40¢ a gallon. Now where is it at? This has happened with tomatoes, oil, rubber, milk, meat, insurance, etc. It is a system to raise prices and taxes. Yes taxes, the State charges use tax, profit tax, sales tax...I don't have room to list all the taxes we pay, and taxes we pay on money we already have paid taxes on.

This isn't the time for Democrat and Republican Parties to fight each other or to blame each other. It's time to ask our State and Federal

Senators, and Congress persons what they are going to do about this problem. And keep asking until we get results to these problems.

Prices keep going up, but wages don't. We don't need to raise wages, we need to lower prices. If all we do is raise wages more employers will simply go where wages are lower.

In the sixties Michigan had high wages, high taxes and unions asked for more of the same. The employers moved to the southern states where everything was cheaper for them. We protested our fate to no avail. Now the southern states are feeling our pain as employers are going to Mexico and Canada and all over the world with our jobs.

It's time for us, all of us to see how we got to this point and what we can do about it. We all need to work together.

Richard Bulley
Grayling

Veterans Day assembly was outstanding

To the editor:

The staff and student body at the Grayling High School held an outstanding Veterans Day program on November 11, 2004.

Miss Rebecca Brown and the student senate organized, planned and carried out their various responsibilities, making this such a special day.

I wish every person in our community could have experienced the respect and attentiveness of the student body, as our veterans were honored by guest speakers, but also by many of the students. The "National Anthem" was sang by Jennie Ringle, "Pledge of Allegiance," by Kelly Duncley, and several poems were read by various students. A power point presentation "To Believe" by Stacey

Brown, a patriotic song, "Come Home Soon" by Jessica Wakeley. MIA-POW program by Dan Haggerman, "Hymn to America" and "Flanders Field" were performed by the Chamber Singers. Tracy Lewis read "Taps" and "Taps with Taps Echo" were played with trumpets by Adam Gilbert and Bob Ramaswamy. Plus all the others working behind the scenes making all of this possible.

There was a sense of pride, patriotism and respect for our nation and our Godly christian heritage throughout this Veterans Day tribute by all in attendance.

The students made this such a special day celebrating our veterans. Good job.

Ronald E. Larson
Grayling

Well deserved honor

To the editor:

I was very pleased to see Skip and Gail's photo and article on the front page of the October 28, 2004, *Avalanche*. I have recently moved to my property which I've owned for 30 years. I have known Skip and Gail for over 20 years. It is people like them that convinced me that I was living in the wrong part of Michigan. I was tired of the users and abusers of life below.

Skip and Gail have always been givers, not takers. They have always had a nice word for

their neighbors and friends. To think that I know the couple who received the award only given to one recipient a year in the State of Michigan honors me.

These are fine people who love each other and their town. This is what small town America is about. Too bad it does not over flow into the larger cities.

Skip and Gail - I love you both. Congratulations.

Friendly Fergy
John D. Ferguson
Grayling

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each

line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

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Letters to the Editor

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 300 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number

must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadlines for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's issue.

BRIEFS

Church plans Turkey Strata lunch

The Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling invites the public to a Turkey Strata luncheon on Thursday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take-outs are available. Cost is \$5 per person.

Toys for Tots announces drop-off locations

The Crawford County Toys for Tots program drop off sites will be: Curves for Women, Chemical Bank, Huntington Bank, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, Glen's Market, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, AAA office in Grayling Mini Mall, Goodale's Bakery, Icehouse Quilt Shop, Crawford County Sheriff Department, Dollar General, K-Mart or the Christian Help Center. All toys collected in Crawford County go to Crawford County children. For more information call 989-348-6046.

American Legion Aux. holds Christmas party

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual Christmas party at 4 p.m., December 1, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Bring a dish to pass and a \$5 gift. Any questions please call Linda Munsey at 348-5911.

Alzheimer support group to be held

Caregivers are invited to attend an Alzheimer support group at Grayling Mercy Hospital on Wednesday, December 8, at 3 p.m. in the Private Dining Room. Sponsored by Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice, contact Polly Eckerly, BSW, Group Facilitator for more information at 800-424-1457 or 989-348-4383.

Community Thanksgiving dinner to be held

The 11th Annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by St. John Lutheran Church will be held on Thursday, November 25, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall on 604 Norway Street. The meal is provided by the generosity of local businesses, organizations and individuals and is free of charge. If you are unable to attend call Sally at 348-9418 and schedule to have your meal delivered.

'The Lettermen Christmas Show' to perform at Kirtland Community College

Begin your holiday season with "The Lettermen Christmas Show" at Kirtland Community College Performing Arts Center on December 4. This group's first hit record "The Way You Look Tonight" was in 1961, and they have been performing ever since. Nine gold albums and scores of top singles attest to a popularity that has endured through several generations.

The Lettermen have performed at Kirtland several times in the past, however, this will be the first time they have presented their Christmas show. The evening will be a mix of their hit songs and traditional Christmas standards. Bring the entire family to hear and sing along with this legendary group.

The Lettermen are constantly changing their performances, but they always include their love songs. Versatility of the group members and personal tastes let each member display a variety of musical styles... adapting through the years to include whatever the current trend may be.

Whether singing acapella or with their band, The Lettermen

theme still remains the love song. Lending that well-known harmony to every arrangement, they have proven that love ballads have an appeal that knows no boundaries and will continue to stand the test of time for many years to come.

Join Tony, Donovan, and Darren as they present Christmas in a harmony and style only they can present. Tony is the original founding member responsible for the well-known Lettermen sound. Donovan became a member of the group in 1984 and has lented his music style and interests since that time. Darren became the newest member of the group in 1995. These three great entertainers will definitely put you in the Christmas spirit.

Join them in concert on Saturday, December 4, at 8 p.m. at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Kirtland Community College.

For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at 989-275-6777 or order your tickets online at www2.kirtland.edu/arts/kcpc.

Amateur photo contest deadline approaches

The deadline for the 2004 Amateur Photo Contest, sponsored by the Crawford Roscommon Conservation District, is December 1, 2004.

This contest is open to anyone of any age, but photo(s) must be taken in Crawford or Roscommon counties. They may be color or black and white.

Only one photo may be entered per category; but you may submit entries for more than one category. However, a limit of one prize per person is allowed.

Categories are floral, forestry, landscapes, recreation and wildlife. Photos will be on display and judged during the 2005 Annual Open House on January 26, 2005. Prizes are gift certificates for items for sale in the conservation district office; or tree and shrubs seedlings, and transplants and/or woodland bulbs.

All programs and services of the Conservation District are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

For an entry form, stop by our office located in the CRAFT Center at 606 Lake Street, Roscommon, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or call 989-275-5231, fax 989-275-3170, or e-mail barbs@macd.org.

Reservations needed for holiday event at Wellington

"The Farm By Lantern Light," an extraordinary event which takes place each holiday season at Wellington Farm Park near Grayling has been scheduled this year for December 16 through 19. This timed-tour event entitled, "A Place Called Wellington" is becoming more popular each year with people traveling great distances to attend. Seating is limited so reservations are a must. Reservations can be made by calling, toll free, 888-653-3276. Admission is \$6 per person.

The Farm By Lantern Light is a combination of sleigh-ride, historic tour and theatrical play, all rolled into one. Especially for the event, the entire central area of Wellington Farm Park is lighted with dozens of kerosene lanterns. Participants begin their experience at the farm's Visitor Center to the Blacksmith Shop, where the next chapter of the story is

revealed, is by horse-drawn sleigh. From this point, visitors are guided from building to building, and in each another chapter of the story is portrayed by costumed characters.

"A Place Called Wellington" is based upon historical information of the area and results in an experience that fills one with the true importance of the Christmas season and allows visitors to experience the hardships and determinations of a people who lived during a very trying time in the history of America, the Great Depression.

The Farm By Lantern Light is an especially fine family outing for the season. Tours leave the Visitor Center every 20 minutes beginning at 6:40 and continuing until 8:40. When calling to make reservations, be sure to know which evening and the time that would best in your schedule. Additional information can be obtained by calling 888-653-3276.

Two-part seminar being offered on dealing with kids problems

The Michigan State University Extension in Crawford, Otsego and Roscommon counties is offering the following opportunity for human service professionals and parents called, What's a Parent to Do? (Helping families deal with bullying and with kids who are out of control).

A two-part national satellite series will take place on November 30 and December 7, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the University Center, 80 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. This series will share important research findings and applications for parents and professionals or volunteers who work with families.

On November 30 - What Families, School and Communities Can Do to Support Healthy Social and Emotional Development in Children and Youth - David Osher, Ph.D., Managing Director American Institute for Research.

On December 7 - Finding a Mighty Heart: Acquiring the Courage to Stand Up for Oneself and Others - Charles A. Smith, Ph.D, Professor and Extension Specialist, Kansas State University.

You will have the opportunity to learn: What to consider when working with children and youth who have behavior problems. How families, school, and community agencies can collaborate to help children and youth who have behavioral problems like extreme aggressiveness, conduct disorders and bullying. Strengths that enable children to manage fear and resist predatory peer behavior - especially bullying and other forms of intimidation.

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to Mercy Amicare Home Care & Hospice and Apria Health Care for their compassion, love and kindness in caring for Josephine MacQue. A special thanks to Dave, Judy, Jennie, Kathi, Nina, Mary Beth, Erica and Jeremiah. God Bless you.

Jim MacQue and family

The family of Shane Kraycs would like to thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, and intentions during this trying time in our lives.

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Classic Bells to perform at GPA Christmas show



The Grayling Promotional Association Cultural Events Series will present "Because It's Christmas" show on December 2 at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Performing will be the Classic Bells (pictured above), the Michigan Singers, a Children's Ensemble and a special appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Tickets are available by calling 989-348-7146.

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Know your medicine, when to take it and why

By Ernie Harwell



I've been very fortunate that I've never had to take a lot of medications. Even now. But I know that many people take two, three or more different medications several times a day.

Now if you have to take medications, it's important to know what to do. It sounds simple but there's more to it than just swallowing some pills with a glass of water.

When your doctor gives you a prescription, be sure you know the name, what it's for, how to take the medicine and when to take it. If you're not sure, ask. Your doctor and pharmacist can answer your questions.

And always let your doctor know if you're taking other prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and any vitamins, herbs or dietary supplements.

It's a good idea to keep a list of medications and dosage in your wallet or purse. And give a copy to a family member or friend.

Take your medications exactly as prescribed. Some need to be taken with food or at certain times. Just stick to the plan.

Medications can be helpful. But to get the best effect, you have to take them properly and safely.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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Trustee questions actions by college

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

At the October 21 meeting of the Kirtland Community College (KCC) Board of Trustees, KCC trustee Roberta Werle raised some concerns about an article she read in the October 19 issue of the student newspaper.

The article covered the treatment of Mike Waters, an 18-year part-time art instructor at the college. Waters, whose contract was not renewed for this year, feels he was fired. College officials said he retired.

Werle said she recognized there was more than one side to the story and admitted she had not contacted KCC President Charles Rorie to learn more about the problem. She then spoke for several minutes about the Waters case and said she did not like the "callous manner in which the action was taken."

Werle then distributed a list of 10 questions for Rorie and five questions for her fellow board members. She asked that her questions be answered at or before the next board meeting.

One of her questions to Rorie asked if Waters retired voluntarily. She also wanted to know what effect his retirement would have on his pension. Rorie responded to Werle in a memo dated November 1, 2004. The memo provided details of the personnel actions relating to Waters.

The memo stated the art department chair was notified in April 2004 that Waters intended to retire. At that time, there was a meeting to reassign classes to full-time instructors. Waters was offered a chance to maintain his position and also teach the Friday eighth grade class. Waters declined, then accepted, then declined again. Joe Donna, full-time art instructor, said that over the past several years Waters has quit at least five times and has subsequently asked to come back. This made it difficult to plan for departmental needs.

Waters was notified that he qualified for emeritus status. According to Dale Shantz, Director of Human Resources,

Waters expressed satisfaction and made "a number of public references to retiring this year." Shantz has a copy of an e-mail dated July 22, 2004 where Waters indicates "August 6 is my last day!"

Regarding Werle's question of whether Waters had enough credit to qualify for medical benefits, the memo states that sometime during the spring or summer of 2004, Shantz asked Waters if he had enough age/service credit to qualify for medical benefits. Waters said he did. Shantz referred Waters to the Office of Retirement Services in regard to his pension. Waters later found out he did not have enough time in to qualify for medical benefits, but by then all decisions had been made.

Werle's first question for the board was to ask them if the actions taken in the Waters case was what they wanted when they gave President Rorie the ability to hire, fire and manage KCC. She continued by asking board members if letting people go when they are in sight of their

pension options is part of their plan. Her final question to the board asked "If economics/finances are the most important factors in your decisions, why not just close the school and save the tax payers a lot of money? Old fashion (sic) values of trust, loyalty, taking actions that enhance your employees positions rather than harm them seem to be lost here."

At the November 18 board meeting, Werle again brought up the matter and asked fellow board members why they had not responded to her questions. They appeared to be taken aback and then asked if she wanted them to respond as a board or individually? She said either would be fine.

KCC Board Chair Sally Galer, said she knew that Werle had received answers to her questions from Rorie and thought his answers were satisfactory. Werle disagreed and pressed for answers from the board. She asked if they would get their answers to her by the following week.

Deep-fried turkeys: popularity sizzles, but risks rise

by Amanda Wrenn
Capital News Service

LANSING — Move over, honey-glazed ham.

Grandma, put away your oven mitts.

Today's pilgrims prefer their Thanksgiving bird deep-fried to a crispy, golden glow.

But is the juicy reward worth the safety risk?

State Fire Marshal Andy Neumann says no.

While the southern tradition of deep-frying turkey becomes more popular every year, fires, burns and other serious injuries caused by the deep fryers are also on the rise, Neumann said.

"A lot of times, the fires start because of a lack of common sense," he said. "People leave the fryers unattended, set them up on uneven ground or simply don't pay attention to them so the oil gets too hot and catches on fire."

Because of the hazards involved with deep-frying, the Michigan Office of Fire Safety and the National Fire Protection

Association strongly discourage the practice. But because of its popularity, they're joining together to inform the public on how to use the fryers safely, said Joseph Grutza, executive director of the Michigan Firefighters Training Council.

Grutza, a former fire chief in Trenton, said he responded to two turkey-related fires in two years. "Prior to that, those type of fires didn't exist."

Aside from personal injuries, turkey-related fires also destroy property such as houses and, typically, garages, Neumann said.

Whether turkeys are fried or cooked traditionally in an oven, sales are up nationally, but not only because of the approaching holidays, said George House, director of Michigan Allied Poultry Industries in Ada.

"Most turkey is processed for use in delis and restaurants," he said. "Plus it's becoming more popular because it's healthy and low in fat."

Turkeys between 8 and 10

pounds are more popular for frying because they're smaller and easily fit into the deep fryers, said Sherrie Rosenblatt, communications director for the National Turkey Federation.

Michigan produces about 5 million turkeys annually, the Department of Agriculture reported. Most turkeys are raised in Allegan and Ottawa counties because Sara Lee Corp. used to have a processing plant north of Zeeland, House said.

Even though turkeys are raised primarily in west Michigan, deep-fried turkey is a statewide phenomenon, Grutza said.

"Deep-frying is a universal trend across the state because it's faster and people think it tastes better. And as long as stores like K-Mart, Wal-Mart and Home Depot keep selling fryers, people will continue to fry turkey," he said.

Rosenblatt agrees. "Frying turkey has become a form of entertainment. People do it at barbecues, picnics, tailgates—

not just around the holidays."

More information and safety tips can be found on the National Turkey Federation Web-site at www.eatturkey.com.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of November 14-21: Two traffic controls, four traffic accidents, two misdemeanor arrests, three private

property damage accidents, four larceny complaints, one assault, three harassment/stalking complaints, four disturbing the peace complaints, one misdemeanor citation, one traffic warning, 12 assist other departments, five

alarms, two civil complaints, four malicious destruction of property complaints, one city ordinance violation, one animal control complaint, four suspicious behavior complaints and six unclassified complaints.

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*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

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SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS**

Scheduled For December 2004

Trip #1

Date: Thursday, December 9, 2004

Destination: Gaylord

Event: "Out to Lunch Gang Trip"

Christmas Shopping & Lunch

Trip Organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging

Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to Reserve a Seat

Departs Grayling 10:00 a.m.

Arrives back in Grayling 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

Trip #2

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2004

Destination: Victoria's Casino - Petoskey

Departs Grayling: 8:30 a.m.

Arrives Back in Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

**Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning Special Event Trips: Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:

Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Mill Town festival. To Request Information Concerning Expanded Services Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101



Scout Troop 979 standing in front of their "runaway train." From the left: Brent Steffey, Jason Morrow, Kameron Hobson, Henry Lane, Leo Johnson, Jon Deffendall, Jimmy Hilbrecht, Nick Steffey, Aaron Stephan, Tyler Steffey, and Joe Somero. Sitting are Matt Hilbrecht, Adam Wargo, and Sean Coe.

Scouts help build 'trail of terror' during Clare Witch Project

Boy Scout Troop 979 went to Camp Rotary in Clare for the annual Clare Witch Project on October 29.

The scouts set up a fright site on the "trail of terror" which was then opened to the public on the night of October 30.

Included in Troop 979's site was a giant spider web, with a spider advancing toward the scout who was stuck on the web,

a surgical suite where the scouts used power tools on their "patient," and a "runaway train."

The engine which the scouts built out of cardboard was placed so it faced an apparent railroad crossing in the country. The scouts partially filled a small barrel with sand and made it the engine's smokestack. During the evening, they put some leaves in the stack and as it got darker the

smoke helped to provide the illusion that the engine was bearing down on a crossing guarded by the old white signs typically found on country roads.

The troop has participated in the project for the last four years. Scoutmaster Loren Goodale II said, "The site gets better each year." He said the scouts and Assistant Scoutmaster Jeff Steffey did a lot of work for this

year's site. Goodale added that the troop is looking forward to participating in the event next fall.

Goodale said Troop 979 currently has openings and invites any boy between the ages of 11 and 18 to join the scouting program.

For more information on joining scouting, call Goodale at 348-8682.

New project aimed at the Upper Manistee watershed

There is no doubt that the Upper Manistee River is one of Michigan's high-quality coldwater river systems. Much research has been done to document watershed conditions for the Upper Manistee and many projects have been completed to reduce the river's sediment load. Attention now turns to new strategies, such as targeted education and permanent land protection to maintain and protect these waters.

Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Council is a non-governmental, non-profit organization serving Northeast Michigan. The organization works with all stakeholders in the region to promote sustainable land use programs, coordinate large-scale natural resource restoration projects, and implement on-the-ground conservation practices.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) awarded a Clean Water Act Section 319 planning and implementation grant for the Upper Manistee River Watershed Protection Project. Project part-

ners include Headwaters Land Conservancy, Conservation Resource Alliance, the Upper Manistee River Restoration Committee and the Kalkaska Conservation District.

The purpose of the project is to: 1) promote land protection opportunities within the watershed, 2) address riparian stewardship practices including vegetative buffers, septic maintenance, lawn care practices, and water quality protection, as well as 3) update the Upper Manistee River Watershed Management Plan to meet new funding requirements.

A meeting will be held on December 9 at 2 p.m. to discuss the project goals. The meeting will be held at 605 North Birch Street (the County Government office complex) in Kalkaska. All interested persons are invited to attend.

If you have any questions, contact Huron Pines RC&D at 348-9319.

BIRTHS

Melissa Duvall and Barry Davison of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Kendra Eryn, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on November 10, 2004, at 9:30 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., and measuring 19 3/4 inches long.

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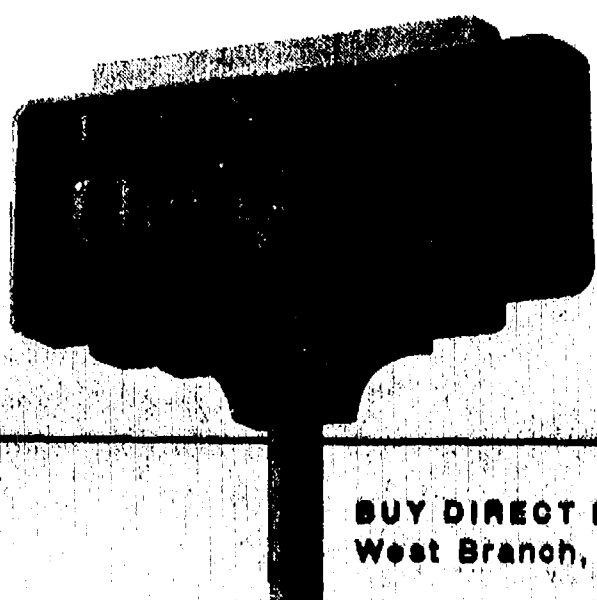
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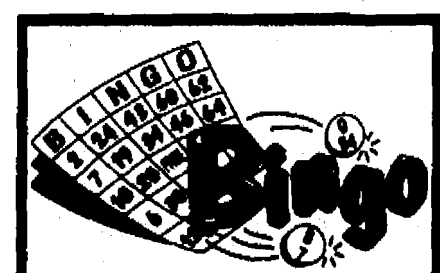
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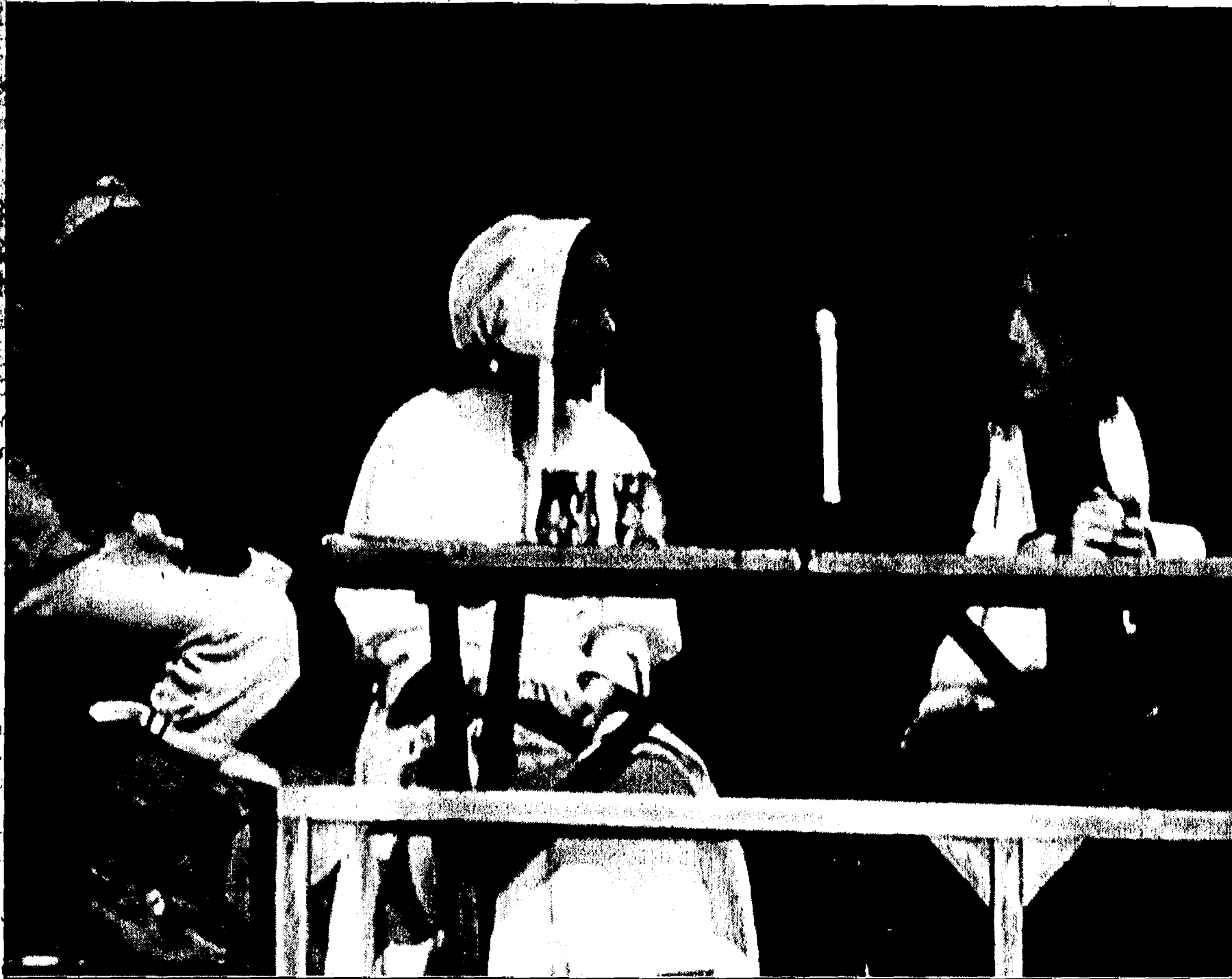
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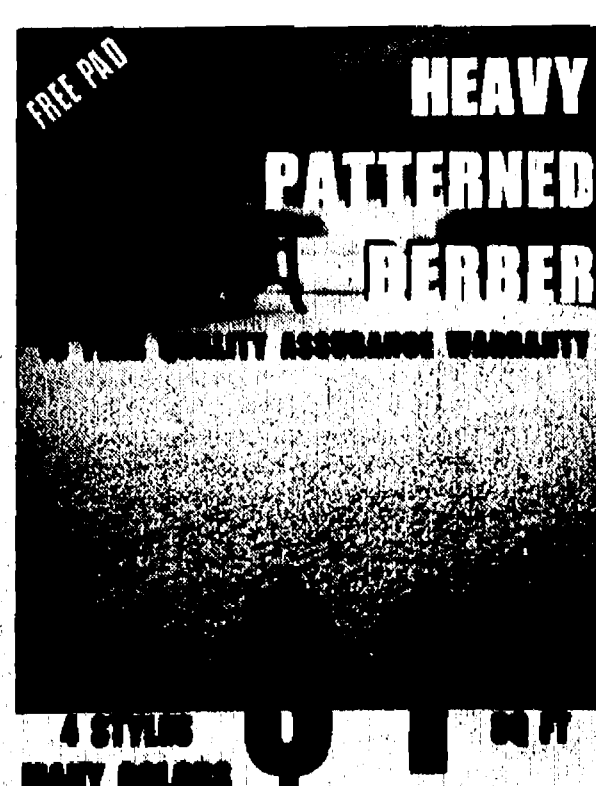


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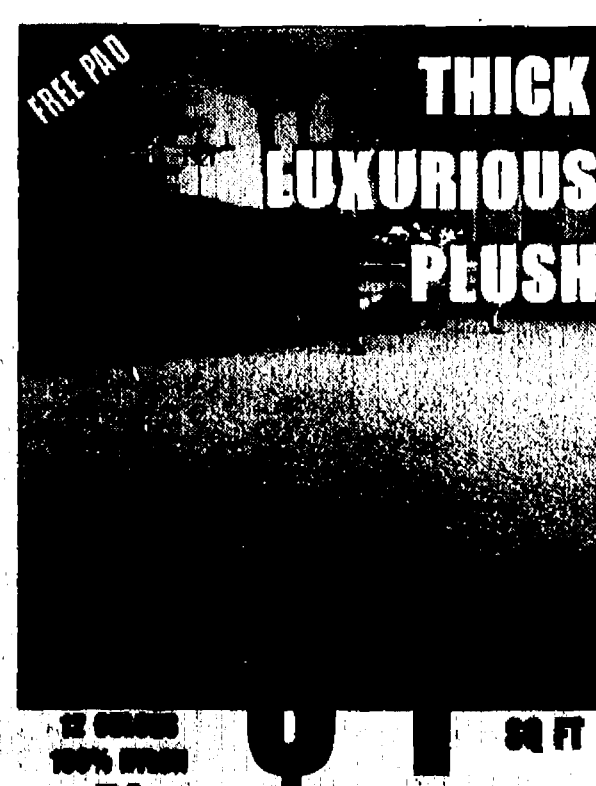
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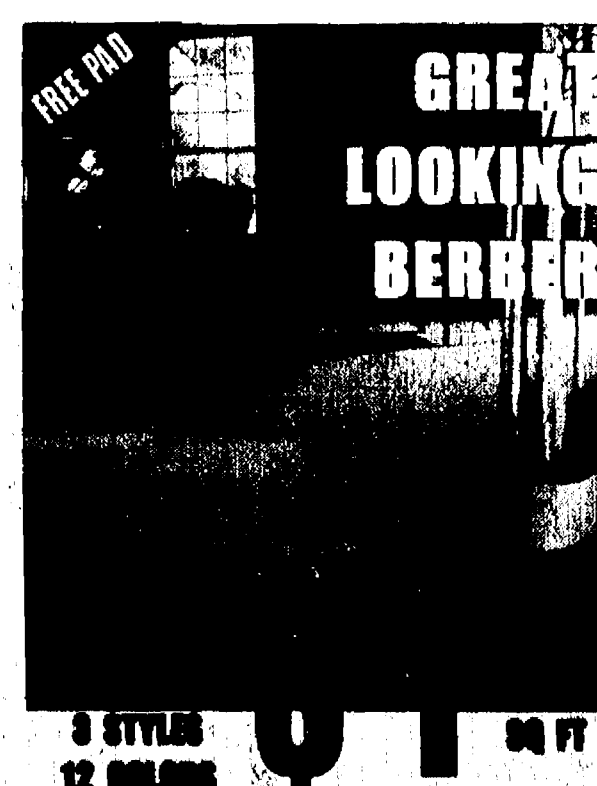
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SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS**:

Scheduled For December 2004

Trip #1

Date: Thursday, December 9, 2004

Destination: Gaylord

Event: "Out to Lunch Gang Trip"

Christmas Shopping & Lunch

Trip Organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging

Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to Reserve a Seat

Departs Grayling 10:00 a.m.

Arrives back in Grayling 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

Trip #2

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2004

Destination: Victoria's Casino - Petoskey

Departs Grayling 8:30 a.m.

Arrives Back in Grayling 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

**Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning Special Event Trips; Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:

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Scout Troop 979 standing in front of their "runaway train." From the left: Brent Steffey, Jason Morrow, Kameron Hobson, Henry Lane, Leo Johnson, Jon Deffendall, Jimmy Hilbrecht, Nick Steffey, Aaron Stepha, Tyler Steffey, and Joe Somero. Sitting are Matt Hilbrecht, Adam Wargo, and Sean Coe.

Scouts help build 'trail of terror' during Clare Witch Project

Boy Scout Troop 979 went to Camp Rotary in Clare for the annual Clare Witch Project on October 29.

The scouts set up a fright site on the "trail of terror" which was then opened to the public on the night of October 30.

Included in Troop 979's site was a giant spider web, with a spider advancing toward the scout who was stuck on the web,

a surgical suite where the scouts used power tools on their "patient," and a "runaway train."

The engine which the scouts built out of cardboard was placed so it faced an apparent railroad crossing in the country. The scouts partially filled a small barrel with sand and made it the engine's smokestack. During the evening, they put some leaves in the stack and as it got darker the

smoke helped to provide the illusion that the engine was bearing down on a crossing guarded by the old white signs typically found on country roads.

The troop has participated in the project for the last four years. Scoutmaster Loren Goodale II said, "The site gets better each year." He said the scouts and Assistant Scoutmaster Jeff Steffey did a lot of work for this

year's site. Goodale added that the troop is looking forward to participating in the event next fall.

Goodale said Troop 979 currently has openings and invites any boy between the ages of 11 and 18 to join the scouting program.

For more information on joining scouting, call Goodale at 348-8682.

New project aimed at the Upper Manistee watershed

There is no doubt that the Upper Manistee River is one of Michigan's high-quality coldwater river systems. Much research has been done to document watershed conditions for the Upper Manistee and many projects have been completed to reduce the river's sediment load. Attention now turns to new strategies, such as targeted education and permanent land protection to maintain and protect these waters.

Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Council is a non-governmental, non-profit organization serving Northeast Michigan. The organization works with all stakeholders in the region to promote sustainable land use programs, coordinate large-scale natural resource restoration projects, and implement on-the-ground conservation practices.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) awarded a Clean Water Act Section 319 planning and implementation grant for the Upper Manistee River Watershed Protection Project. Project participants

include Headwaters Land Conservancy, Conservation Resource Alliance, the Upper Manistee River Restoration Committee and the Kalkaska Conservation District.

The purpose of the project is to: 1) promote land protection opportunities within the watershed, 2) address riparian stewardship practices including vegetative buffers, septic maintenance, lawn care practices, and water quality protection, as well as 3) update the Upper Manistee River Watershed Management Plan to meet new funding requirements.

A meeting will be held on December 9 at 2 p.m. to discuss the project goals. The meeting will be held at 605 North Birch Street (the County Government office complex) in Kalkaska. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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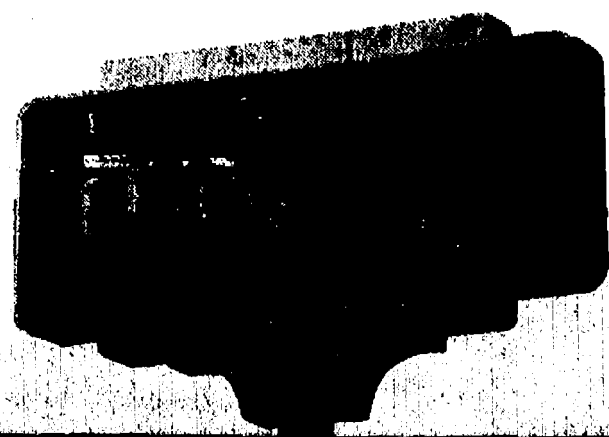
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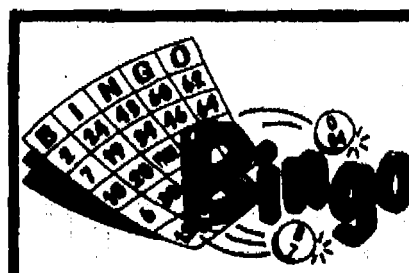
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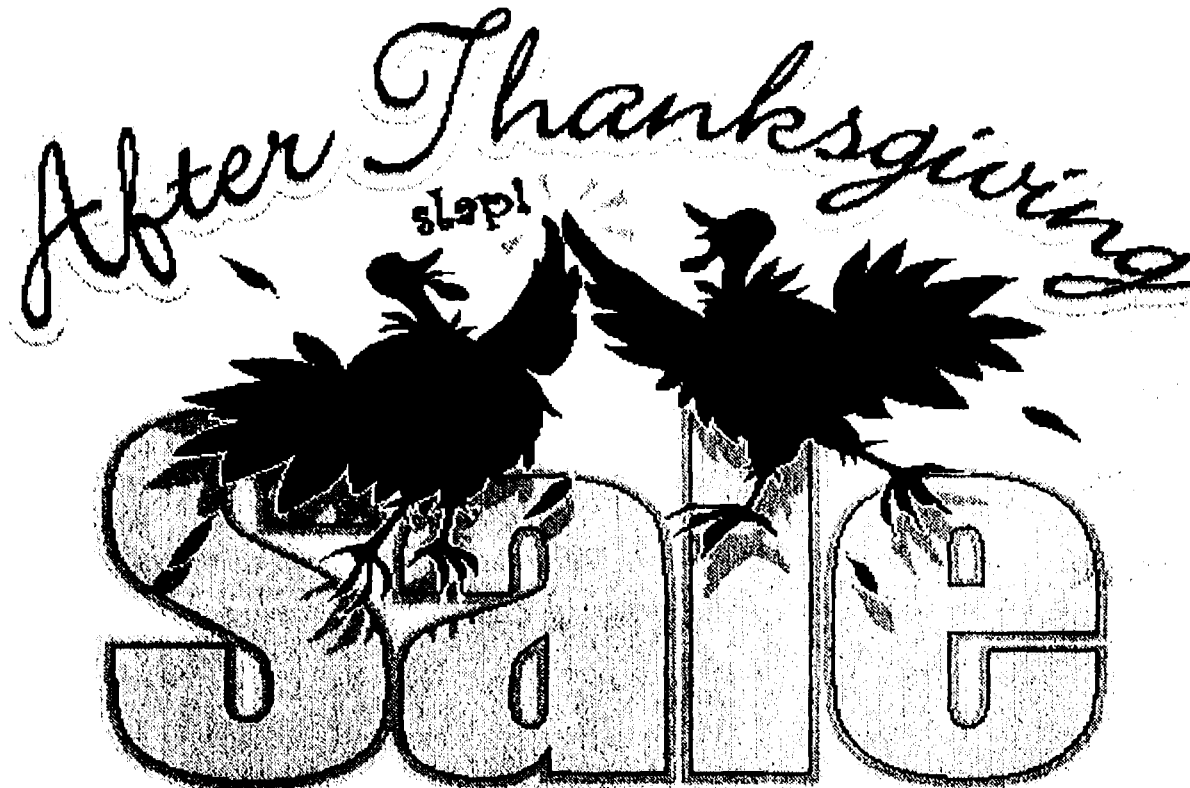
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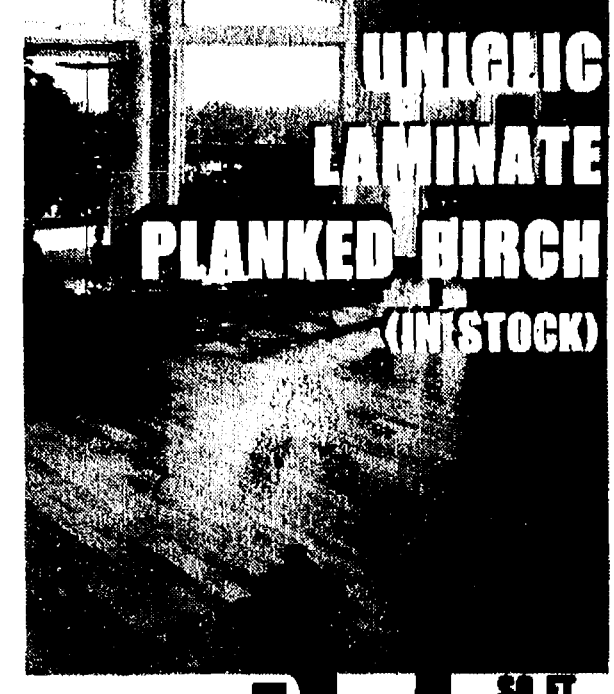


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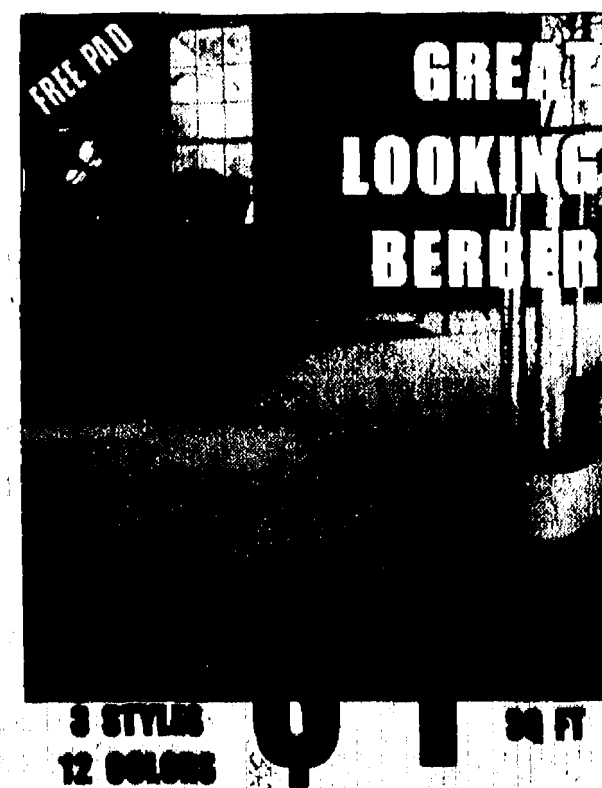
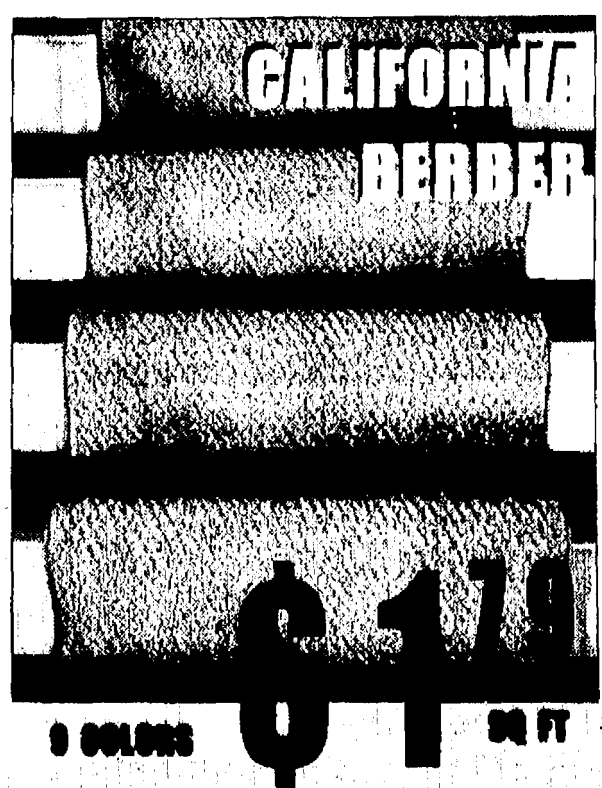
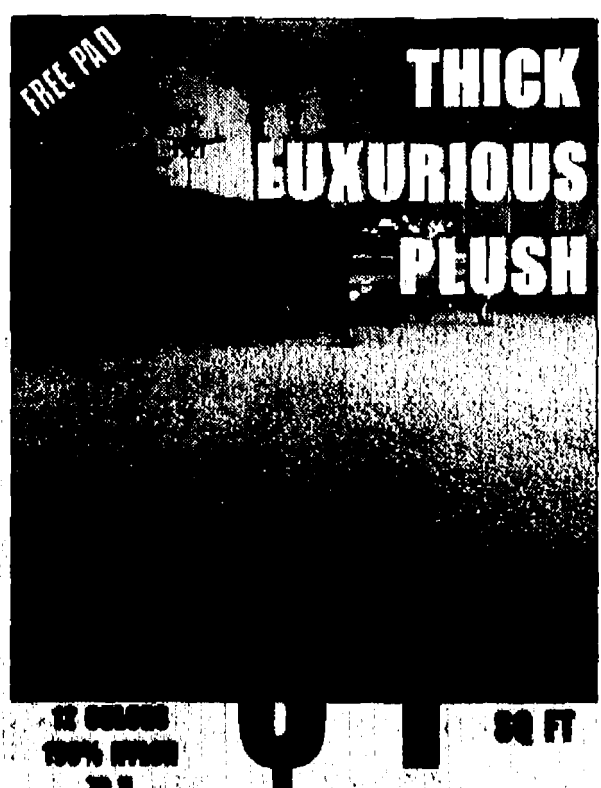
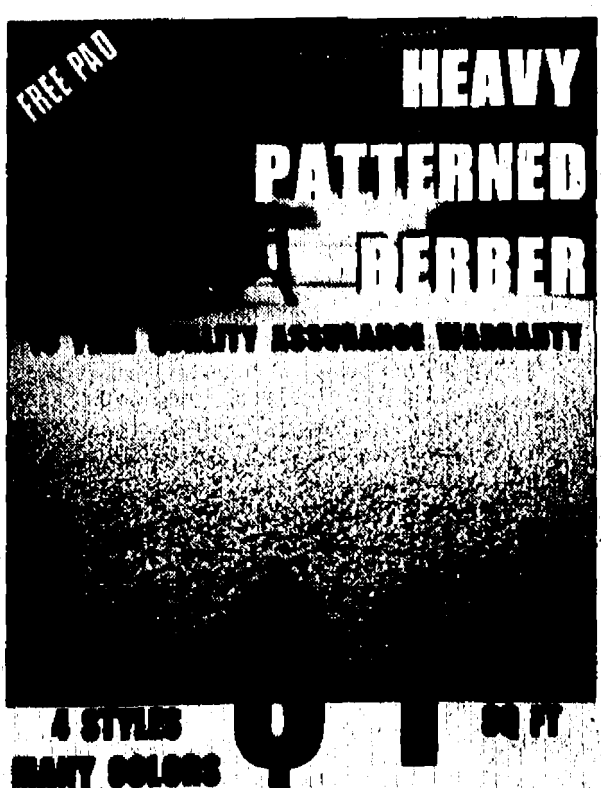


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Chamber Ambassadors surprise another member with Spotlight award

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November's recipient is Twin Pine Lodge, which offers a bed and breakfast and cabin rentals. The ambassadors showed up with a dozen donuts donated by

Goodale's Bakery and a certificate matted and ready for framing donated by Fanny Finn's.

Twin Pine Lodge is owned and operated by Dave and Carol Waltz and is located at 3182 Twin Pine Road, Grayling.

Twin Pine Lodge, which is open year round, is nestled along the AuSable River mainstream

and has served anglers and hunters since 1933. It was originally built by a Detroit businessman for the purpose of corporate entertaining and to this day the lodge continues to provide tranquility, privacy, and opportunity to fish in what some would consider the finest trout water in Michigan.

Dave and Carol Waltz have owned it since 2002 and have been chamber members since then.

For more information about Twin Pine Lodge, contact Dave or Carol at 989-344-9708 or by e-mail at info@twinpinelodge.net. The lodge's website is: www.twinpinelodge.net



Photo courtesy of Fannie Finn's

Dave Waltz (center) of Twin Pine Lodge receives his Spotlight A Member award from Chamber Ambassadors (left to right) Mark Rias, Kim Millikin, Dawn McGee, and Doug Meroney.

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Environmentalists lukewarm over recycling proposals

by Brian Foley
Capital News Service

LANSING — Beyond agreeing that the state's recycling rate is "dismal," Michigan environmentalists find themselves at odds over how to mend the problem.

Two bills in the House of Representatives would create an Office of Statewide Coordinator and a Recycling Advisory Council to recommend improvements in statewide recycling. The two proposed bodies would be part of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The bill to form a statewide coordinator is sponsored by Sen. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck, while the advisory council proposal is sponsored by Birkholz and Sen. Cameron Brown, R-Sturgis.

"These bills will enable the next legislature in 2005 and 2006 to come back with some very solid recommendations that can be put into place," said Mary Dechow, who chairs of the Michigan Recycling Partnership, an organization of thousands of businesses, which advocates recycling legislation. "We continue to lose ground in this state on recycling, and unless we start to move forward — even if it's baby steps — nothing is going to change that."

She added that 91 percent of Michigan residents surveyed support recycling and want more opportunities to recycle.

However, the bills' critics contend that while the proposals sound nice, creating a statewide coordinator and advisory council would be counterproductive.

James Clift, the policy director of the Michigan Environmental Council, said the measures would only shift bureaucracy while doing little to boost recycling.

"You might as well call it a cubicle of recycling coordinator," he said. "If we want to improve our recycling rate, it's going to take more than an advisory council and naming someone's cubicle an office."

"We should wait until the next legislative session and try and get a comprehensive package that will move Michigan back into the path as far as recycling in this country," Clift said.

Part of the "package" includes using neighboring states with better recycling rates as a model, according to Frank Ruswick, special assistant to DEQ Director Steve Chester. The DEQ formally opposes the bills.

The problem stems from Michigan's relatively limited spending, said Ruswick.

"The difference is the funding

devoted to recycling," he said. "Minnesota spends \$14.2 million annually, Indiana is at \$3.2 million and Wisconsin is at \$29 million. Michigan is at \$200,000. We're concerned these current bills will take away the initiative of what really needs to be done, which is to provide a dedicated funding source."

The bills passed the Senate and are up for a vote in the House. However, Brown's bill was amended in a House committee and would have to go back to the Senate for another vote.

Michigan's recycling rate — which includes paper, cans and glass — continues to hover between 15 and 20 percent, ranking 46th in the country, according to Clift.

The solution to recycling woes lies in how money is spent, according to Pete Pasterz, an expert who chairs the Sierra Club's Mackinac chapter based in East Lansing.

The state must invest money into annual grants and adopt mandates that force county governments to decrease their waste stream, he said.

"Michigan isn't the worst in the country but it is the worst in the Midwest," he said. "Success has to do with programs that regulate and offer things like

state grants to companies and local governments. And I don't think Michigan has done a thing to promote recycling in about six or eight years."

Despite the impasse over the effectiveness of the bills sitting in the House, environmentalists agree that Michigan has yet to take its first major steps and needs to look at other states as examples of how to get started.

"The success is through the consumer," said Pasterz. "They dictate the success or failure of recycling and part of the success is through educating the public. But right now Michigan doesn't have a goal and Michigan isn't working to make a goal."

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Snowmobiles still unwelcome in some northern Michigan cities

by Marc R. Rehmann
Capital News Service

LANSING — It's no secret that snowmobiling improves some local economies.

That's why activists in Alpena and Petoskey hope to follow in the snow tracks of Grayling and Gaylord and designate trails for snowmobile access within their city limits.

"We get a lot of traffic on our trails around the city," said Charles Fletcher, vice president of the Petoskey Snowmobile Club. "We've had a lot of people asking about wanting to stay within the city of Petoskey and be able to get gas and food."

Current laws prohibit snowmobile travel within city limits. Local business owners, such as

Alan Harrington of Alan's Northside Restaurant, wish the city were more snowmobile-friendly.

"We would absolutely love it if access was allowed within the limits," Harrington said. "All businesses would love it. It seems that every other town is at least friendly to the edge of the town."

Snowmobiling isn't allowed within Petoskey's city limits, mostly because of safety concerns.

"I don't foresee it changing because it's not practical in our town," said Lt. Robert Blomberg of the Petoskey Department of Public Safety. "They wouldn't even be able to ride on a right-of-way because snow plowed from streets would have to go there."

I'm not going to Traverse City to stay the night when I can go to Grayling or Gaylord without my vehicle and trailer," Manson said. "Because of private property it's tough to get connecting trails into the city. They need a strong club presence."

According to Caroline Bagley, the registration-licensing clerk for Traverse City, local ordinances forbid snowmobiling within the city limits unless authorized by the police chief. A violation can result in a fine.

For years, snowmobile supporters in Alpena have unsuccessfully urged officials to pass an ordinance to allow riding within the city limits. The city council created a committee of city and township staff, snowmobile association members and state representatives to study the idea.

designated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), but trails within city limits are determined by local laws.

"We refer to those as community trails," said Robin Pearson, the DNR's eastern Lower Peninsula recreational specialist. "We (DNR) like to be involved with cities because they're connectors to our trails, but we have to be careful that we don't show favoritism in funding a trail that goes toward a particular business."

Trail groomers work year round to ensure that trails are in proper condition before the first snowfall. They're usually volunteers who work more than 60 hours per week in the fall.

Depending on traffic during snow season, maintenance operations can take place at least once or twice a day for seven days a week.

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"We have two kind of snowmobilers," said Bill Manson, the executive assistant at the Michigan Snowmobile Association. "We have weekend warriors that are from Southeast and Southwest Michigan, and we have riders who are going cross country and have left their homes with only their rider."

The second type doesn't have support vehicles that enable them to travel into cities such as Alpena, Petoskey and Traverse City. They carry only their backpacks and ride on their snowmobiles.

"Coming from Grand Rapids,

"The big issue we're looking at right now is connecting Paxton Spur trail, which goes toward the Gaylord area, and Alpena Hawk's Trail, which goes toward Rogers City," said City Manager Alan Bakalarski. "It has the potential to boost the economy in the winter."

Bakalarski said it's unlikely that other trails will be approved through the city for this winter, but that may change in the future.

"The committee has recommended other routes," he said. "These possible routes would allow riders to park their snowmobiles and walk to restaurants."

Most of the 10,000-plus miles of trails in the state are maintained and groomed by clubs

"We groom from the Manistee River to Maple City," said Elza Inman, a groomer from the Benzie-Manistee Snowmobile Club. "As far as I'm concerned, Michigan has one of the best trails in the country. We may not have as many trails as some of the states, but we continue on making them better."

Inman, who also serves on the state's snowmobile advisory committee, said trails don't happen by themselves.

"There's an awful amount of time put into this state-funded program," he said. "I sometimes wonder why I'm doing it, especially when people complain, but there's a special satisfaction in doing it."

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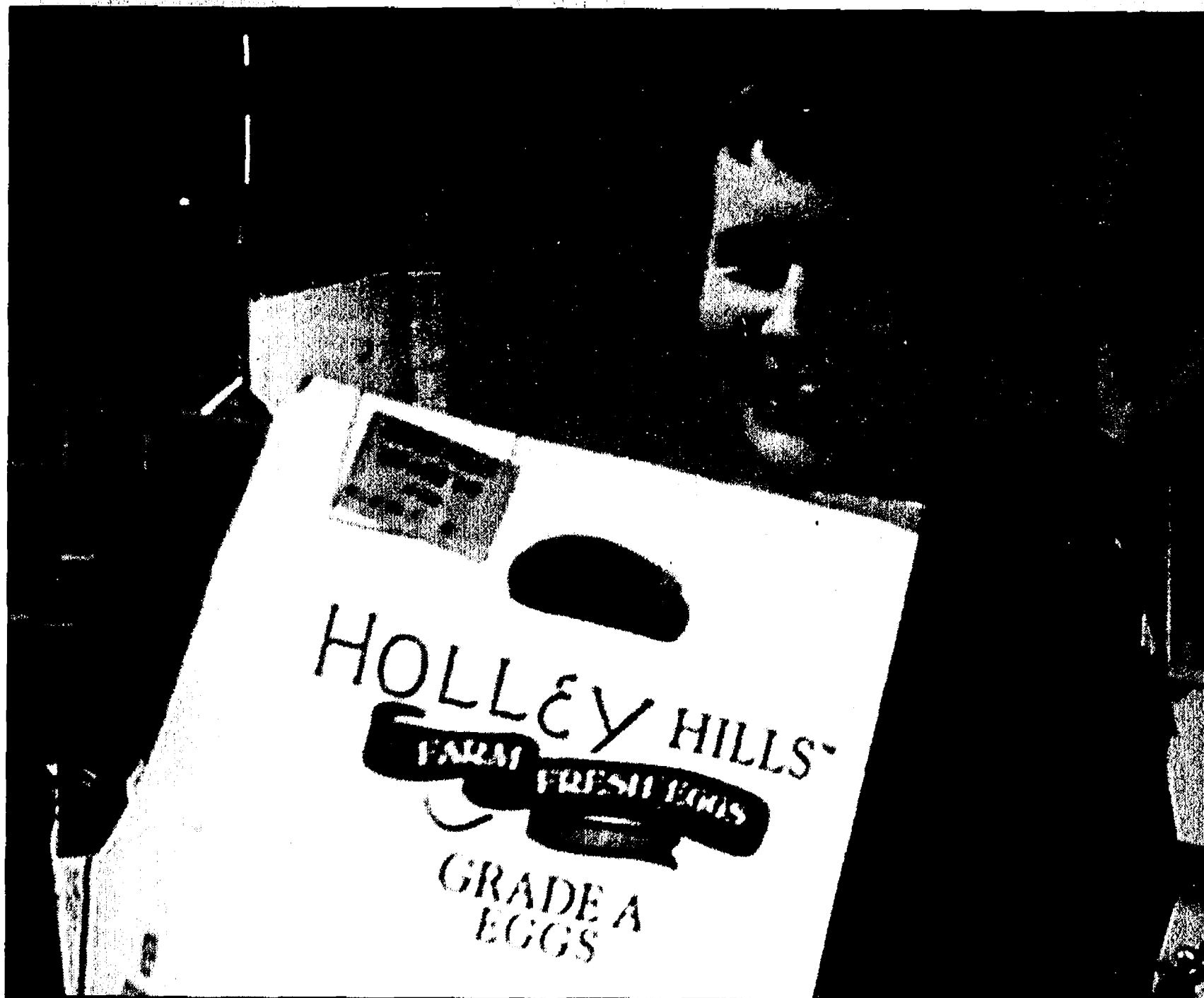
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Legislature targets identity thieves, victims

by Amanda Wrenn
Capital News Service

LANSING — Each year, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) receives more than 200,000 complaints about identity theft—about 3 percent of them in Michigan.

The percentage seems small, and legislators want to keep it that way.

In the past year, legislators introduced 18 bills involving fraud and identity theft. Most of the bills were approved by House and Senate committees earlier this month and are expected to pass by the end of December.

While the proposals aim to help consumers and reduce identity theft, they also would make it easier to prosecute violators.

One bill would prohibit companies from denying or reducing credit to identity-theft victims.

Victims would also be able to use a police report to verify their identity was stolen instead of having to appear before a judge, said Rep. John Stakoe, R-Highland.

The purpose is to simplify the prosecution of identity-theft predators, said Stakoe, who is sponsoring the police-report bill.

Other measures would protect consumers while they're trying to repair their credit records, said Rep. Mike Noks, R-Battle Creek.

"It takes so much manpower

for one case that many cases don't get solved," he said. "The process is frustrating and the bills are designed to help victims retain their sanity and give them room to breathe while sorting out their credit."

It can take three to five years to repair an individual's credit, he added.

Identity-theft victims can file a police report, but unless there's a lead, there's little police can do, said Sgt. Steve Dabkowski of the Kent County Sheriff's Department. "We tell them to contact the three credit bureaus and have a fraud alert placed on their report, but there usually isn't an investigation."

Dabkowski, who is also vice president of the West Michigan Crime Prevention Association, said one reason police can't do much is because the cases are usually out of a local department's jurisdiction. For example, Michigan can't charge or arrest someone in California for stealing personal information over a computer.

However, if the package of bills passes, it would be easier for the state to prosecute violators from other states.

Michigan residents shouldn't fear computer hackers as much as fellow employees, said Judith Collins, director of the Michigan

State University Business Identity Theft Partnerships in Prevention.

According to Collins, most identity thefts occur in the workplace, and the burden is on managers and business owners to tighten security.

"Computers don't steal identities," Collins said. "We need sweeping legislative standards for personnel security, and businesses must initiate that."

But, she added, "Legislation can't be too extreme because we can't prevent businesses from doing business."

People often overlook the fact that businesses can be victims of identity theft, too, Collins said. The most common problem for businesses is someone fraudulently opening a corporate credit account. Those accounts usually have higher limits and aren't monitored as closely as personal credit cards.

The opening of fraudulent credit accounts is also the most frequent type of identity theft for individuals, the FTC reported. Establishing phone and utility services, bank accounts, loans and getting government documents such as driver's licenses, are also common.

On average, it takes 14 months for an individual to notice fraudulent behavior, the agency reported.

While offenders also don't discriminate on where they steal identities from, it's normal for larger cities to have more complaints because there are more people, Stakoe said. Michigan ranks 16th in the country for number of such FTC complaints, with Detroit in the lead, followed by Flint, Grand Rapids, Southfield and Lansing.

Collins also said offenders don't discriminate based on age, race or position. "Perpetrators used to use common last names like Smith or Johnson, but now there are victims as young as 3 years old. Even General Motors had the identities of more than 4,000 executives stolen."

Noks agreed on the scope of thefts:

"Anyone can easily become a victim and not even know it."

State on target in review of airports, flight schools

by Eric Freedman
Capital News Service

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) said it's resolved criticism that it failed to adequately monitor the operation of state-owned airports and that it lacked a timetable to periodically inspect the state's 70 flight schools.

MDOT also said it's addressed the auditor general's office over the effectiveness of safety and education seminars for non-commercial pilots.

"Everything has already been remedied or is in the process," said Benjamin Kohrman, the department's communications director. In "most cases," he said, MDOT had taken action before the auditors conducted their review.

The auditor general's office is a nonpartisan investigative arm of the Legislature and reviews the books and programs of state departments. Its new report examined MDOT's aviation services and airports divisions.

For example, it cited problems with lease agreements and other documents involving Romeo State Airport in Macomb County,

Houghton Lake State Airport in Roscommon County, Price Airport in Genesee County, Plymouth-Mettetal State Airport in Wayne County and the now-closed Prickett Grooms Field in Houghton County.

Private contractors operate and maintain those airports.

One finding was the failure to verify that the airports maintained a daily log of all inspections. "As a result, MDOT cannot ensure that airport operators are operating the airports safely," the report said. It also found a lack of proof that some airports had liability insurance policies to protect the state in case of claims or lawsuits.

Auditors found no evidence of fraud or missing funds, said Scott Strong, the agency's director of audit operations, but the lack of required records and reports makes it harder to uncover wrongdoing.

"There were no records or financial statements for us to review," Strong said. "There are certain things that are supposed to be done so, if there is a problem, you can detect it."

As for safety seminars, the

MDOT "did not use evaluations to obtain feedback from participants to determine the adequacy of the program and to identify additional training needs," the report said, adding that such evaluations could help reduce accidents and incidents.

The report noted that there was a six-year and a seven-year gap between inspections for two of the five flight schools it reviewed.

And it recommended that MDOT develop a policy on the frequency of inspections to determine whether flight schools have adequate maintenance records, track students' progress and follow a curriculum and lesson plans.

The report also cited concerns about the failure of consulting engineers to submit progress and inspection reports for six of 12 construction projects that were reviewed and about MDOT waiving penalties for some owners who are late in registering their aircraft.

MDOT disagreed with only one recommendation concerning independent financial audits of the airport contractors.

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Vikings advance to district finals with victories over Bucks, Elks

GHS wins round one game on Monday

■ Defense leads the way in 46-22 win over Elks on Tuesday night

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

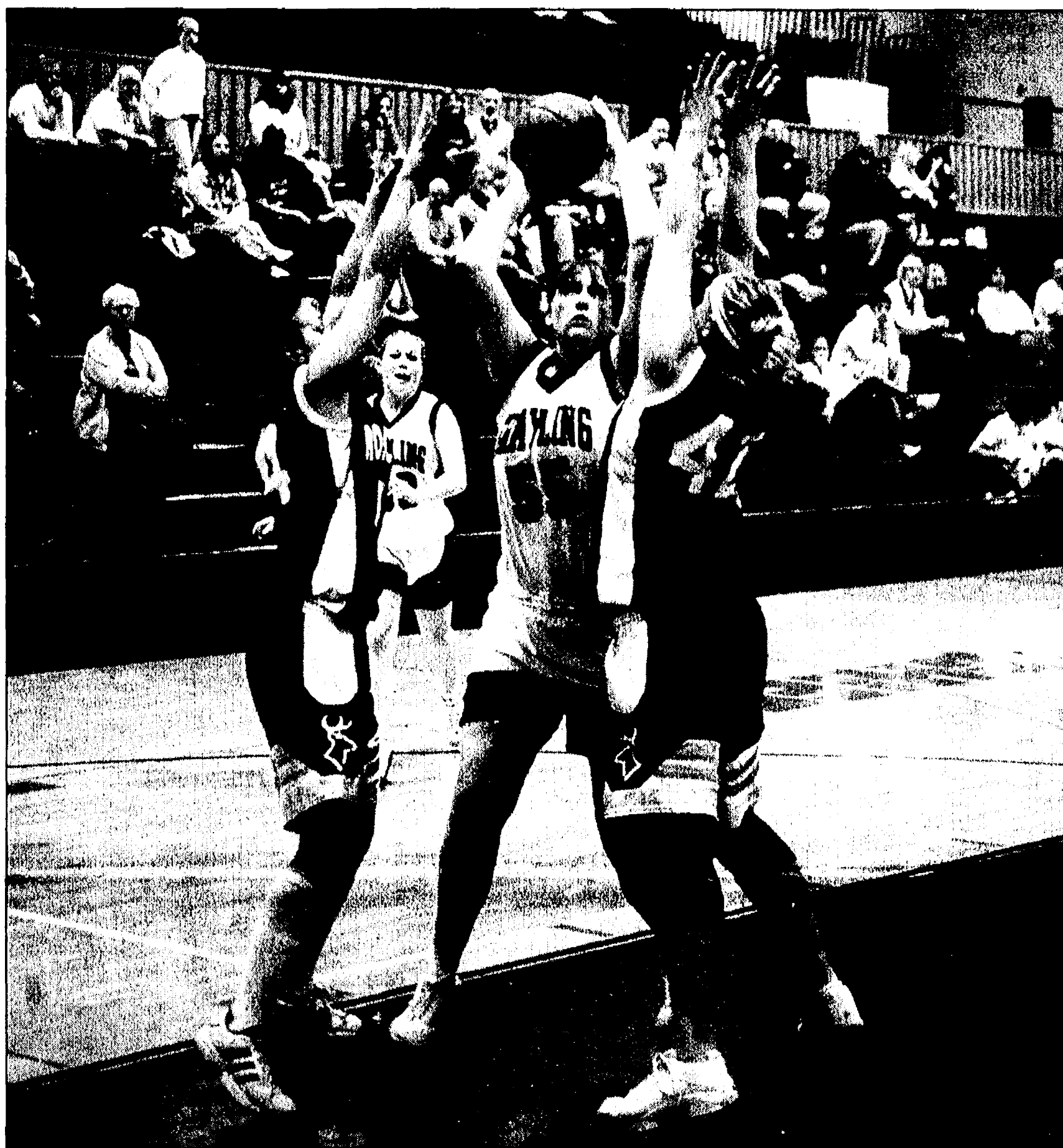
The Vikings of Grayling High School advanced to the championship game of last week's District #63 Class B girls basketball tournament with victories over Roscommon and Elk Rapids last Monday and Tuesday at Cheboygan High School.

On Monday, November 15, the Vikings defeated the Roscommon Bucks 51-45 in round one of the MHSAA district tournament.

Grayling trailed 12-9 after one quarter and Roscommon had a one-point lead at halftime, 23-22. The Vikings led 35-34 going into the fourth quarter.

GHS scored the first points of the fourth period on a free throw by Trisha Petersen and a shot inside by Mandy Czapek. Two buckets by Roscommon tied the game at 38-38. Grayling scored two on a jump shot by Petersen. The Bucks answered with a jumper to tie the score at 40-40.

A shot inside by Katie Baynham put GHS up by two. A
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Photos by Caleb Casey

Grayling center Mandy Czapek handles the ball underneath the basket in last Monday's round one district game vs. Roscommon at Cheboygan.

Season ends with 48-34 loss to Bobcats

■ Houghton Lake wins with strong second half effort vs. Grayling

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling led 22-19 after a strong first half against Houghton Lake in last Friday's district championship girls basketball game at Cheboygan, but the Bobcats surged in the second half and knocked the Vikings out of the play-offs with a 48-34 victory.

The Vikings earned a spot in the district championship game with victories over Roscommon and Elk Rapids earlier in the week. Houghton Lake defeated Cheboygan in the semi-finals after drawing a first round bye to get to the title game.

On Friday night, Grayling got off to a strong start in a fast-paced first quarter. Houghton Lake scored first, then Grayling scored eight unanswered points on a put-back by Katie Baynham, a triple by Michelle McGuire, and three free throws by Baynham to lead 8-2. A jump shot by Mandy Czapek put the Vikings up 10-4. The Bobcats answered with a three-pointer to pull within three. A shot inside
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Trisha Petersen takes a jump shot for the Vikings vs. Elk Rapids on Tuesday.



Michelle McGuire dribbles the ball near the baseline in Monday night's district game.



Andrea Southard shoots a free throw for Grayling in last Tuesday's contest against the Elks.

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three-pointer by Kelly Dunckley gave Grayling a 45-40 advantage with 2:46 left in the contest.

Grayling's defense held. With about 1:20 remaining, Roscommon turned the ball over and fouled to stop the clock. Petersen hit one of two at the free throw line to put GHS up by six, 46-40.

At the other end, Czapek rebounded a Roscommon miss and passed to Michelle McGuire, who was fouled. She scored one of two free throw shots to give Grayling a seven-point lead.

Roscommon scored a jump shot and fouled after the in-bounds play. McGuire hit one of two free throw attempts, and GHS led by six, 48-42, with 41 seconds left in regulation.

The Bucks responded with a three-pointer to pull within three. The Bucks stole the ball but Grayling blocked their resulting shot attempt. The Bucks went for the foul to stop the clock and were whistled for a flagrant foul.

Petersen went to the free throw line with 21 seconds left on the clock and converted one of two attempts. With the flagrant foul

call, GHS also got possession of the ball. Roscommon fouled Petersen again after the in-bounds play and she scored one of two free throws.

Roscommon, down by five, tried a three-pointer. Dunckley rebounded the miss and the Bucks fouled. Dunckley hit one of two free throws with seven seconds left in the game, giving Grayling a six-point advantage.

The Vikings won by a final score of 51-45.

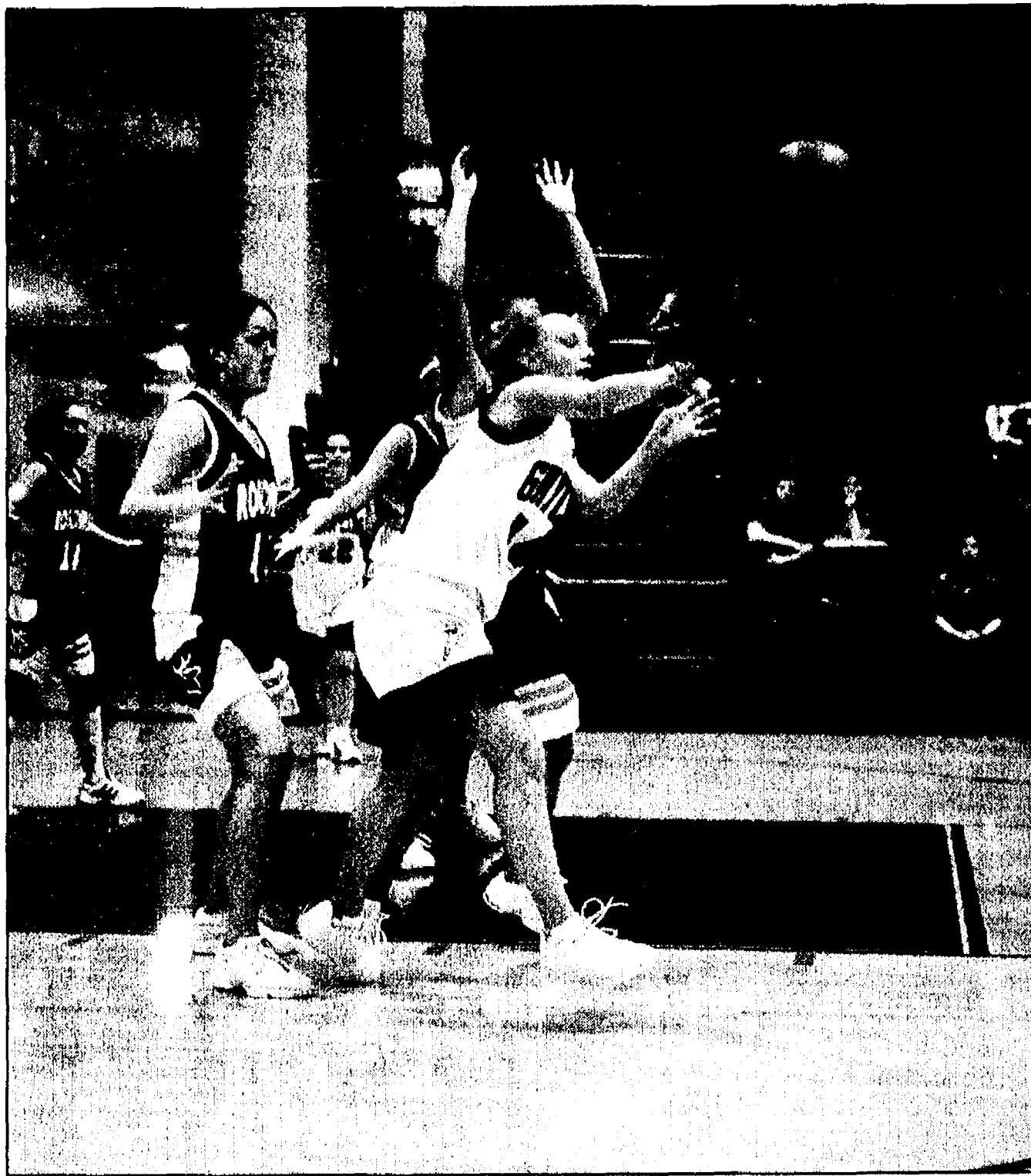
"We expected Roscommon to come out aggressive, and they did," Coach L.J. Mead said. "Roscommon played us tough and very physical. Although Roscommon led early, we stuck with our game plan and weathered the storm. We worked the ball into the post and took advantage of our height. Our guards did a nice job of distributing the ball as well as slashing in and grabbing key rebounds."

For Grayling, Czapek finished with a triple-double with 19 points, 19 rebounds, 10 blocks, and 4 steals; Petersen had 13 points and 4 assists; Dunckley had 6 points, 8 rebounds, and 2 steals; McGuire had 8 points and 2 assists; and Katie Baynham had 5 points and 10 rebounds.

Monday night's game was the third match-up between Grayling and Roscommon this year, with the Vikings winning all three contests.

On Tuesday, November 16, Grayling's defense led the way in a 46-22 victory over the Elk Rapids Elks in the district semifinals. Elk Rapids had a first round bye.

Grayling led 11-7 after one quarter and had a 27-13 advantage at halftime. The Vikings outscored Elk Rapids 7-1 in the third quarter and won the game by 24 points, 46-22.



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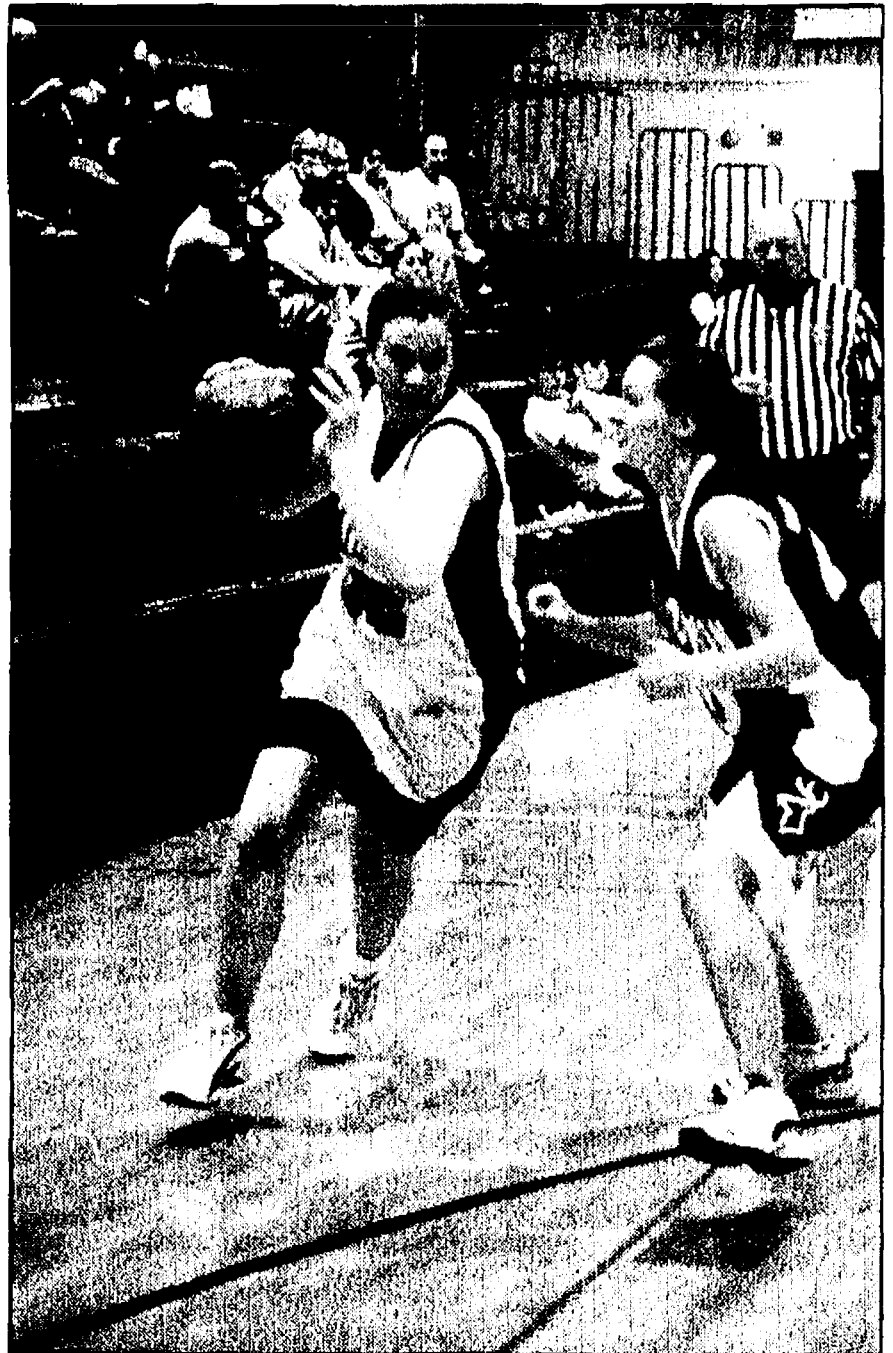
Katie Baynham passes the ball to a teammate in last week's district game vs. the Roscommon Bucks.

"I am excited about our defensive effort tonight. As a team we tallied 21 steals and only allowed Elk Rapids to score one point in the third quarter," Coach Mead said. "Our bench played terrific as they were able to contribute throughout the game. Our starters were able to get some rest, which was key since we

played back to back games." "With this win, we put ourselves in position to reach a goal we set at the beginning of the season -- a district championship. Now we have to take care of business," Coach Mead said.

For GHS, Czapek had 14 points, 22 rebounds, 5 blocks, 3 assists, and 3 steals; Amanda

Lutz had 4 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 steals; McGuire had 8 points, 3 assists, and 2 steals; Petersen had 7 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 7 steals; Baynham had 8 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 steals; Dunckley had 2 points and 3 rebounds; and Jodi Riddle had 3 points and 2 rebounds.



Kelly Dunckley handles the ball for the Vikings on Monday night.



Mandy Czapek takes an inside shot for Grayling in Monday's game vs. Roscommon.

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Amanda Lutz shoots from the free throw line.

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by Kelly Dunkley gave GHS a 12-7 edge.

Houghton Lake scored two points on a pair of free throws. A jumper by Baynham put the Vikings back up by five. Two free throws by Czapek gave Grayling a 16-10 advantage. Grayling led 16-12 at the end of the first quarter.

Grayling had a 22-19 lead at halftime following a low-scoring second quarter. Houghton Lake edged GHS 7-6 in the period, with the Vikings scoring their points on two free throws by Amanda Lutz, a pair of free throws by Baynham, and a fast break lay-up by McGuire.

The Bobcats came out strong in the second half. With a 15-2 run to open the third quarter, Houghton Lake erased Grayling's lead and created its own

10-point advantage with 2:38 left in the period. A jump shot by Jenny VanNuck and two free throws by McGuire pulled Grayling within six. Two baskets by Houghton Lake put the Bobcats back up by 10. Grayling scored the last basket of the third quarter with a shot inside by Czapek.

Houghton Lake led 38-30 going into the fourth quarter.

The Bobcats outscored Grayling 10-4 in the fourth period to seal the win. Grayling scored its four points on a drive by Trisha Petersen and a jump shot by Lutz.

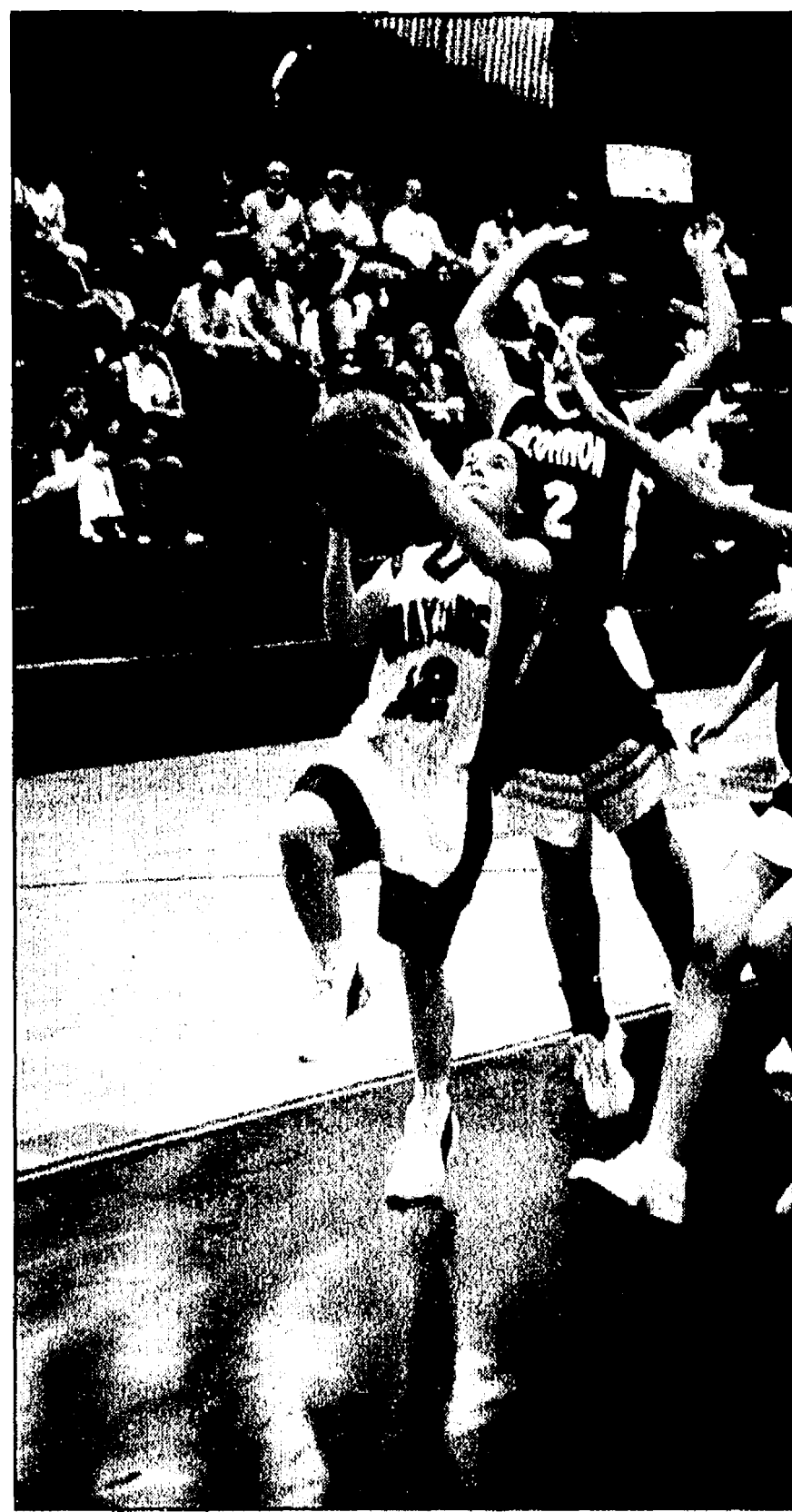
Leading scorers for Grayling were: Baynham (9), McGuire (7), Czapek (6), and Lutz (6).

Including the play-offs, Grayling finished the 2004 season with an 11-12 overall record.

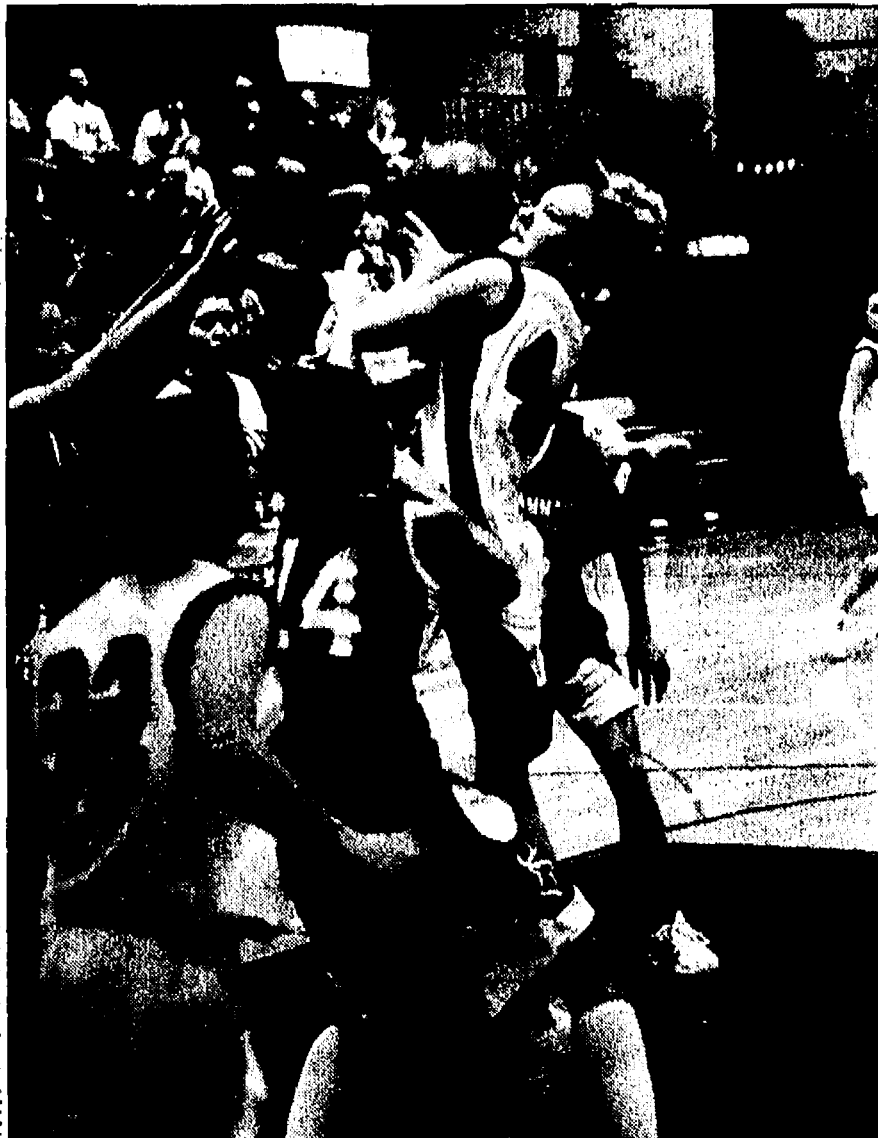


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Jodi Riddle looks to shoot for the Vikings in last Tuesday's district semi-final game against Elk Rapids.



Trisha Petersen shoots a lay-up for Grayling in Monday night's district game.



Katie Baynham drives to the basket for the Vikings on Monday.



Andrea Southard handles the ball for GHS on Tuesday night.



Samantha Wakeley takes a shot from three-point range for Grayling in Tuesday's district game against the Elks.

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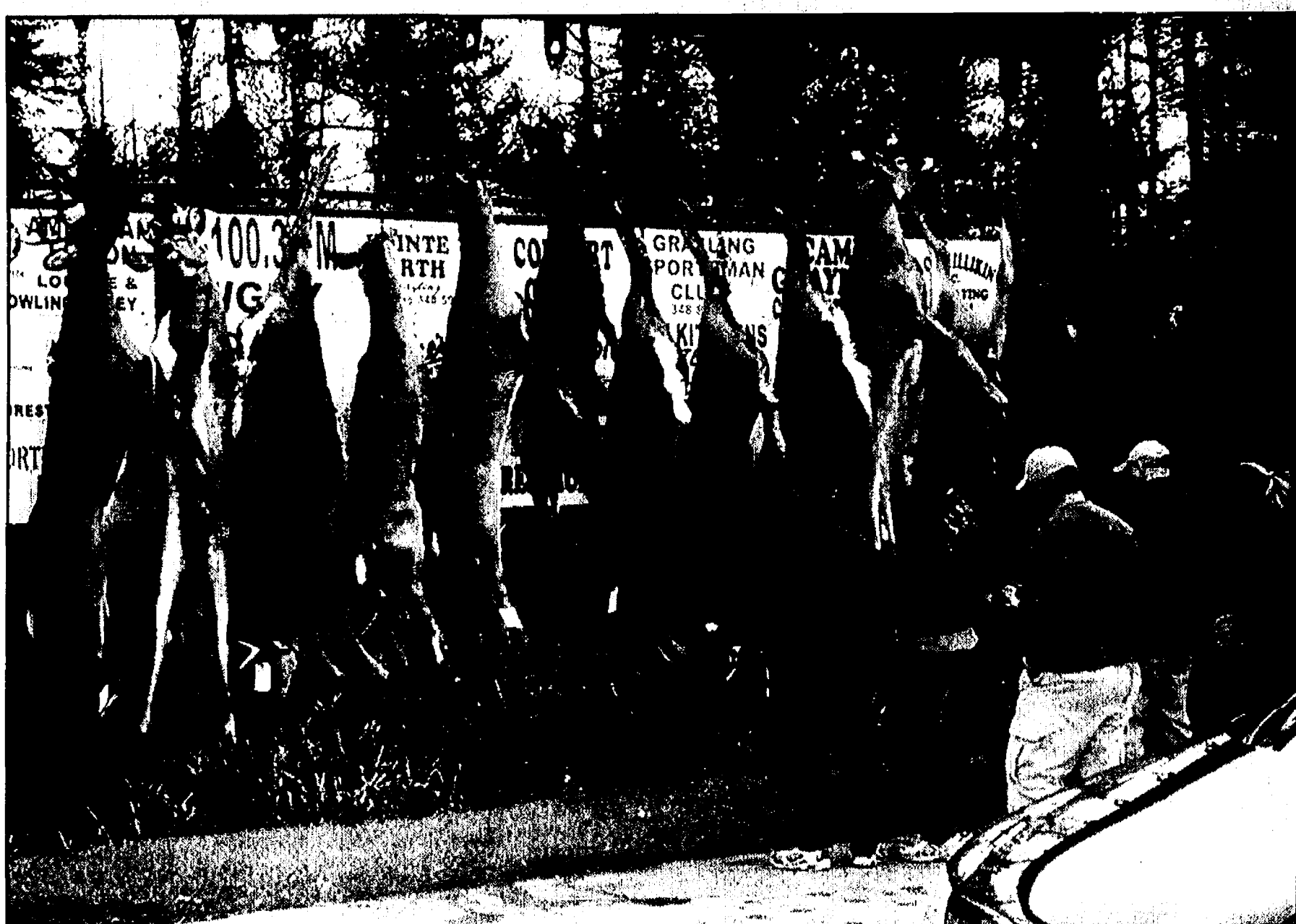
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Opener slow for 2004 buck pole

Sixteen bucks brought in on first day of firearm deer season

The number of deer brought in to the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop for this year's Orangecoat Round-up was down about 50 percent from last year, Skip's reported.

Over 30 bucks were brought in for display last year on opening day of firearm deer season, but only 16 were brought in on opening day this year. Usually, the buck pole gets about 30 deer on opening day and 13-20 on day two. On day two this year, 12 bucks were displayed on the buck pole.

Skip's Sport Shop workers

cited a few reasons for the slow opener at the 2004 buck pole: deer numbers are low, warm weather, low hunter numbers, and opening day falling on a Monday.

The overall winner of this year's Orangecoat Round-up competition was Gary Kopinski of Utica, whose buck had the largest rack over the course of the two-day event at 143 3/4.

Winners in other categories, and all hunters who brought in bucks for this year's buck pole competition, included (number, hunter's name, hunter's hometown, buck's weight, buck's rack size):

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- 2) Matt Latusek, Grayling, 115

pounds, rack: 61;

- 3) Lloyd Crawford, Grayling, 135 pounds, rack: 94;
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- 5) John Morin, Erie, 125 pounds, rack: 68 1/4;
- 6) John Walsh, Roscommon, 145 pounds, rack: 111;
- 7) Todd Hatfield, Crawford County, 110 pounds, rack: 44 3/4;
- 8) Billy Weaver, Grayling, 105 pounds, rack: 18 1/4;
- 9) Mark McNally, Grayling, 90 pounds, rack: 22;
- 10) Steve Kase, Commerce, 125 pounds, rack: 53 3/4;
- 11) Rod Brown, Shelby Township, 100 pounds, rack: 48;
- 12) Todd Messerschmidt, Grayling, 110 pounds, rack: 72;
- 13) Richard Davis, Frederic, 125 pounds, rack: 105 3/4;
- 14) Hank Saylor, Grayling, 142 pounds, rack: 129 1/4;
- 15) Carrie Stephan, Grayling, 115 pounds, rack: 52 3/4;
- 16) Nick Terry, Grayling, 100 pounds, rack: 35 1/4;

Oldest Hunter - Lloyd Crawford, 69;

Youngest Hunter - Matt Latusek, 14;

Heaviest Buck - John Walsh, 145 pounds;

First Buck on Pole - Bart Horcha;

First Woman with Buck on Pole - Carrie Stephan;

Largest Rack - Tim Gildner, 134 1/2.

November 16

- 1) Charlie Patnode, Kalkaska, 130 pounds, rack: 109 5/8;
- 2) George Wilkinson, Grayling, 131 pounds, rack: 86;
- 3) Tim Sheldon, Grayling, 115 pounds, rack: 118;
- 4) Gary Kopinski, Utica, 140 pounds, rack: 143 3/4;
- 5) Jason Warner, Noblesville (Indiana), 152 pounds, rack: 128 1/4;
- 6) James Walker, Grayling, 161 pounds, rack: 128 5/8;
- 7) Dean Eickloff, Lapeer, 105 pounds, rack: 66 3/4;
- 8) Mike Stockmaster, Grayling, 107 pounds, rack: 92;
- 9) Robert Taske, Gaylord, 180 pounds, rack: 122 1/2;
- 10) Brian Jacobs, Frederic, 174 pounds, rack: 130;
- 11) Mike Macfald, Grayling, 90 pounds, rack: 25 1/2;
- 12) Ken Jacobs, Grayling, 118 pounds, rack: 52;

Oldest Hunter - Ken Jacobs, 62;

Youngest Hunter - James Walker, 16;

Heaviest Buck - Robert Taske, 180;

First Buck on Pole - Charlie Patnode;

First Woman with Buck on Pole - none;

Largest Rack - Gary Kopinski, 143 3/4.

The Orangecoat Round-up competition is sponsored by the Camp Grayling Conservation Club.

90-year-old hunter bags two deer with bow



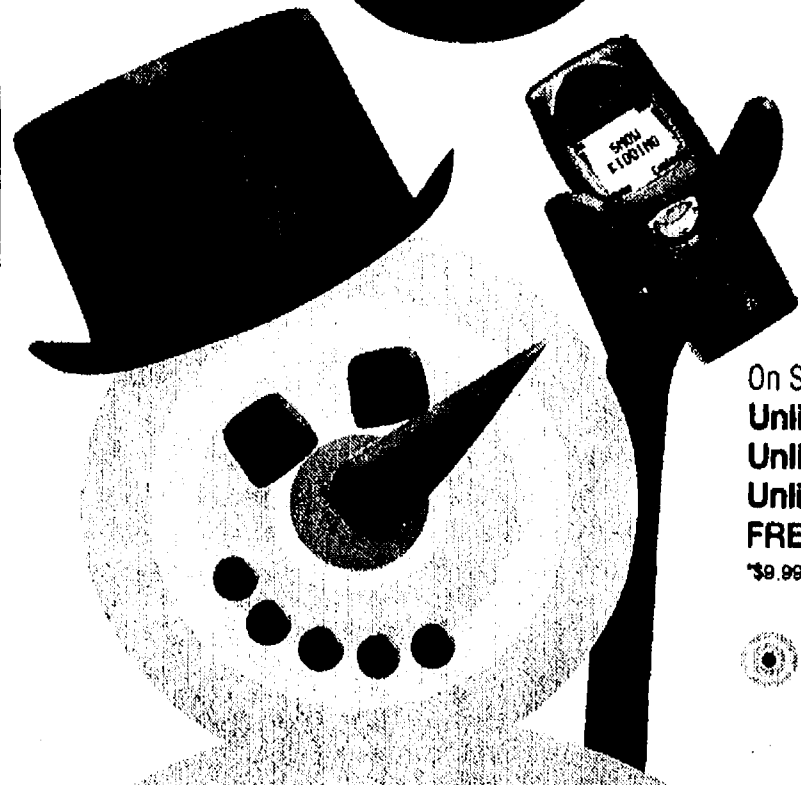
Vivan Campbell, 90, of Grayling, bagged two deer with a bow during this fall's hunting season.

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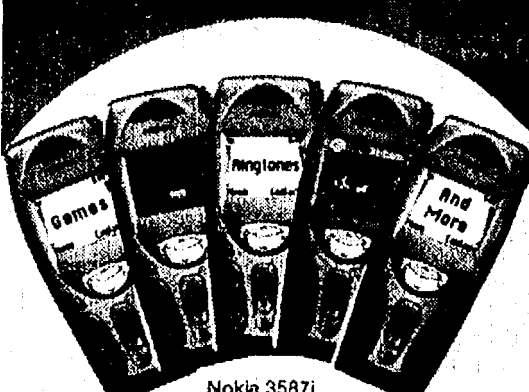
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Runners break from the starting line in the 2004 Hartwick Pines Challenge Race held in October.



Randy Waffle, of Bellaire, and his 5-year-old daughter, Shanda, race in the Hartwick Pines Challenge.

Hartwick Pines hosts annual race

The 15th running of the Kiwanis Hartwick Pines Challenge Race is now in the record books. In October 2004, over 100 runners competed in the race, battling challenging terrain.

"The fall colors were at their finest and a more breathtaking view would be hard to find,"

event organizers said.

A new record for youngest racer was set this year by 5-year-old Shanda Waffle of Bellaire. Shanda and her dad, Randy, raced in the Hartwick Pines Challenge's 3.2-mile event. Both finished the race.

Shanda said it was her second 5K race this year.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Womens Team

Kirtland's Lady Firebirds performed to mixed reviews from first-year Coach Teresa Stuck after their season-opening games at Buffalo and Toronto. They played well enough to win both games, but couldn't close the deal in either.

In Friday's opener in Buffalo, the Ladybirds fell, 70-67, to Erie Community College. The victory was Erie's first in seven games.

Sophomore Amanda Cooper led Kirtland with 11 points and seven steals. Freshmen Casey Burrows had 10 points and freshman Felon Harris contributed eight points and eight rebounds.

Erie, which led at halftime, 34-28, got 17 points from Deneen Flores.

"Our games were competitive. We learned a lot, considering the

other teams already have played several games," Stuck said. "The first game we played very hard but missed many easy shots. We only made three of 23 lay-ups in the first half. We make half of those and it's a 20-point win."

In Toronto on Sunday afternoon, Kirtland turned a four-point lead at the intermission into a 68-64 loss.

Freshman Kira Hobson led the way with 21 points, hitting nine of 13 shots from the field. Harris added 14 points, seven rebounds, and six assists.

Natasha Thombs scored 24 points to lead Seneca, 2-6.

"Super discouraging," Stuck said. "We didn't come ready to play."

Seneca turned its halftime deficit into a victory by shooting 65 percent from the field after the intermission.

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American Men's League		Lone Pine Restaurant . 13 - 31	Rochette's 16 - 24	Friday Mixed Doubles
Scheer Motors 15 - 6		High Series Men: L. Wyatt, 579;	McDonald's 13 - 27	Moshier Auto Repair 31 - 13
A.E.I. 14 - 7		L. Crampton, 566; J. Hipchen,	High Series: S. Goss, 522; T.	American Legion 28 - 16
McLeans ACE 12 - 9		518.	Rock, 518; T. Parker, 500.	Lucky & Laura 27 - 17
Canfield's Snowplowing . 12 - 9		High Game Men: L. Wyatt, 213;	High Game: M. Cole, 204; T.	IMM 27 - 17
GADCO 12 - 9		L. Crampton, 212; K. Harris,	Parker, 203; S. Johnson & L.	Double Trouble 22 - 22
Fenton's Auto 11 - 10		204.	Golnick, 191.	4.F.I. 20 - 24
Gray-Rock Cafe 6 - 15		High Series Women: C. Clark,	Recreation League	New Guys and Gals . . . 14 - 30
Moore's Automotive . . . 2 - 19		456; H. Stairs, 444; M. Rysso,	Gr. Nursing Center . . . 31.5 - 12.5	Bye 1 - 27
High Series: T. Kotrash, 619; L.		432.	American Legion 28 - 16	High Series Men: P. Benardo,
Davis, 606; T. Devins, 596.		High Game Women: C. Clark,	Hawk Ridge Golf . . . 25.5 - 18.5	628; D. Wallace, 601; R.
High Game: L. Davis, 246; A.		175; M. Rysso, 174; H. Stairs &	Glen's Market 25 - 19	Trudeau, 559.
Angove, 223; J. Robideau, 221.		P. Gillis, 167.	Peterson Saw Service . . 23 - 21	High Game Men: P. Benardo,
Senior Bowling		Pioneer League	Mickey Perez CPA . . . 15 - 29	237; D. Wallace, 227; R.
Flowers By Josie 28 - 16		Grayling Chiro.Clinic . . 29 - 11	Woody Girls 14 - 30	Trudeau, 212.
Grayling Pharmacy . . . 25 - 19		Chemical Bank 23 - 17	Coldwell Banker 14 - 30	High Series Women: S. Johnson,
Kicking Grass 23 - 21		AJD Forest Product . . . 21 - 19	High Series: N. Glasslee, 566;	505; T. Benardo, 503; K.
Stitches By Sue 23 - 21		Grayling Restaurant . . 20 - 20	B. LaMotte, 523; T. Benardo,	Moshier, 492.
Bear's Den Pizza 23 - 21		Custom Interior 19 - 21	505.	High Game Women: T. Benardo,
Spike's Keg O' Nails . . 21 - 23		South Side River Rats . . 18 - 2	High Game: N. Glasslee, 239; B.	190; K. Trudeau, 180; S.
Sylvesters Sports 20 - 24			LaMotte 194 & 184.	Johnson, 178.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings	Growlers Pub61	Sawmill III48	Jill (Growlers Pub). Won all six
Frederic Inn73	Legion58	5 Ball Runs: Melonie, Patsey,	games - Patsey and Lachell
Holiday Inn69	Sawmill I51	and Sis (Frederic Inn), Beth and	(Holiday Inn).

Week #11 Winning Games

1. Minnesota (41)	6. NY Jets	11. Seattle
2. Baltimore	7. Carolina	12. San Diego
3. Buffalo	8. Tennessee	13. Atlanta
4. Indianapolis	9. Pittsburgh (33)	14. Philadelphia (34)
5. Denver	10. Tampa Bay	

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LEGAL ACTION

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Pamela J. Riefstahl and Rudolf M. Riefstahl III, wife and husband in joint tenancy, original mortgagor(s), to North Michigan Financial, Mortgagee, dated November 1, 2001, and recorded on November 8, 2001 in Liber 0559 on Page 272, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Federal National Mortgage Association as assignee by an assignment dated June 11, 2002 recorded on July 30, 2002 in Liber 590 on Page 218, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Ten and 44/100 Dollars (\$70,510.44), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 17, Pinecrest Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 1, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 25, 2004
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2005.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracey L. Hubbard, a married woman and Thomas L. Hubbard, husband of Tracey L. Hubbard, original mortgagor(s), to Watson Group Financial Corp., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 9, 1996, and recorded on March 12, 1996 in Liber 408 on Page 451, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, FSB as assignee by an assignment dated February 14, 1996 recorded on March 12, 1996 in Liber 408 on Page 458, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven and 44/100 Dollars (\$59,811.44), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 15, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan; commencing at the center of said Section 29, thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes West (along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 29), 387.8 feet, thence South 34 degrees 02 minutes West, 408.25 feet; thence South 17 degrees 05 minutes West, 684.00 feet; thence South 71 degrees 54 minutes West, 525.55 feet; thence North 1 degree 51 minutes 30 seconds West, 33 feet for the point of beginning; thence South 83 degrees 13 minutes West, 131.15 feet, thence North 36 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West, 573.0 feet, thence North 53 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds East, 40 feet, thence North 36 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West, 129.4 feet to the left bank of the Manistee River, thence Northeasterly (along said river bank), 160 feet, thence South 36 degrees 11 minutes 15 seconds East, 592.5 feet, thence South 1 degree 51 minutes 30 seconds East, 123.85 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel extends to the water's edge of the Manistee River, Crawford County Records.

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Dated: November 11, 2004
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The premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 42, North Park Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of plats, page 64, Crawford County Records.

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NOTICE

The Maple Forest Township Board will be accepting bids for snow removal at the township hall located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd. Bids should be for the 2004-2005 winter season and include snow removal for the township hall parking lot, driveway, and light shoveling and salting in front of both entrances. All bids must be submitted by December 5, 2004 and will be reviewed at the next township meeting on December 9, 2004. Maple Forest Township reserves the right to reject any bids. Contact number is (989) 348-5543. Please send bids to:

Maple Forest Snow Removal Bid
C/o Sandy Baynham / Clerk
2520 West Marker Rd
Grayling, Michigan 49738

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP SEEKS BIDS FOR LAWN/WINDOW/CARPET CARE

Grayling Township is seeking competitive bids for the following work at the Grayling Township offices at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738:

1. Lawn Care (grass and leaves), May through September, every 10-days (To include extra lawn care on an "on-call" basis if needed outside May through September, such as prior to a fall election).

2. Twice per year inside and outside window cleaning (May & October).

3. Commercial cleaning of all carpets (approximately 4700 sq.ft.) annually in May or June.

Interested bidders will submit an itemized annual amount for each of the three categories for a period of five consecutive years, beginning May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2010. Bids will be accepted at : Grayling Township; PO Box 521; 2090 Viking Way; Grayling, MI 49738, through December 31, 2004 and must be sealed and labeled "lawn bid."

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees will select the successful bid at its Wednesday, January 12th meeting during the regular monthly agenda.

Questions may be addressed to Terry Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry Wright
Grayling Township Supervisor

PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case# PU040003 Request to approve site plan for private cemetery.

Petitioner: Edward & Marion Ayers
7659 N. Sherman Rd.
Frederic, MI 49733

The above case refers to the following described property:
7659 N. Sherman Rd.
Frederic, MI 49733

Township: Maple Forest
Legal Decs: T28N R3W SEC 28, COMM AT THE E 1/4 COR TH N 00 DEG 25' 50" W 327.79 FT ALG E SEC LINE TO THE POB; TH S 89 DEG 49'13" W 1333.43 FT TO E 1/8 LINE; TH N 01 DEG 01'39" W 1002.47 FT; TH N 89 DEG 59'36" E 1343.90 FT TO E SEC LINE; TH S 00 DEG 25'50" E 998.31 FT ALG SD E SEC LINE TO THE POB. CONT 30.74 AC MAL 97 COMBO FROM 020-004-020-01 & 020-02 10-96 2000 SP FROM 028-004-020-03 6/99
Property Code: 020-028-004-020-04
Zoning District: AR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

STATE OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED DIRECT LEASING OF NONMETALLIC MINERALS (SAND AND GRAVEL)

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to lease State-owned nonmetallic mineral (sand and gravel) rights. This parcel is an existing State sand and gravel pit being converted from a mineral permit to a lease in an effort to improve management and reclamation. The land under consideration for leasing is located in the following area:

#2002-1: Crawford County, Beaver Creek Township, "7 Mile Pit", N1/2 NE1/4, Section 16, T25N, R3W, 80+ acres.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the leasing of any description can be submitted by writing the DNR, Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952. Or via e-mail to HYPERLINK "mailto:espinosi@michigan.gov" espinosi@michigan.gov. Written comments must be received NO LATER THAN January 5, 2005.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESIDENTS WITHIN 300 FEET

Frederic Township resident be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on December 2, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 C.R. 612, to hear the following case:

2004 Z 504 Owner: Gerald & Judy Dill, Petitioner
8661 Partridge Road
Frederic Township
Parcel # 20-031-019-005-070-00

The Petitioner is requesting a variance in order to subdivide his property into smaller parcels. Two out of the four parcel divisions do not comply with Frederic Township's Parcel Division Ordinance (2000-4) which requires no more than a 4 to 1 ratio for the depth to width ratio.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Frederic Township Office, during regular business hours.

Correspondence may be directed to: Frederic Township Zoning Dept, P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733. Telephone: (989) 348-8778.

Douglas J. Pratt
Frederic Twp.
Zoning Administrator

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, December 2, 2004, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following quotation for services:

Beaver Removal

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **Beaver Bid**.

"The Crawford County Road Commission, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of gender, disability, race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Ken Riehl, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Jim Burch, Commissioner

NOTICE OF GRAYLING TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The following amendment to the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance (2003-02) was presented to the general public by the Grayling Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, August 31, 2004, and adopted by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees on Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

This amendment will take effect on Friday, December 24, 2004. Questions concerning this amendment may be referred to Terry Wright, Grayling Township Zoning Administrator; PO Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738; (989) 348-4361 during normal business hours.

SECTION 3.12 - MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOUSING

(Added as first sentence to first paragraph)
Single-wide mobile homes shall not be manufactured more than (8) years prior to the current year to be considered for placement on any property in Grayling Township as a conforming structure.

Terry R. Wright
Grayling Township Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT

Grayling Township will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 8, 2004, to take comment on a proposed zoning amendment which would create a new zone, General Residential - Association (R-3). If adopted, this zone would only pertain to the properties within the AuSable Woods Property Owner's Association Subdivision, but outside the Natural River District (NRD) Zone.

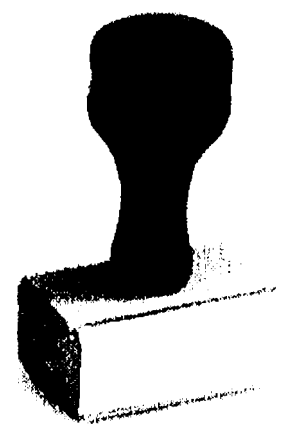
This zoning amendment has been recommended for adoption to the Grayling Township Board of Trustees after development and consideration by the Grayling Township Planning Commission.

The zoning requirements of the R-3 zone are quite different from any other residential zone, and were developed with the cooperation of a committee of AuSable Woods property owners based on their special needs.

The public hearing will take place at the Grayling Township offices and will begin promptly at 7 p.m. It is anticipated the public hearing should take no longer than one-half hour. The public and especially the owners of property in the AuSable Woods Subdivision are encouraged to attend.

If adopted by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees, this zoning amendment must be published in its entirety in the Crawford County Avalanche, prior to taking effect.

Terry R. Wright
Grayling Township Supervisor/Zoning Administrator



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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago November 19, 1981

Five or seven county commissioners - that's the question awaiting a five-member Crawford Reapportionment Commission. By November 30, the commission has to decide the number of county commissioners and the areas they represent for the next ten years. The reapportionment is occurring nationwide as counties redraw district lines to reflect population figures recorded in the 1980 census.

Lt. Robert J. Ruddy of Grayling has been promoted to the position of undersheriff for the Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. Sheriff Joe White made the announcement at the November 10 regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Barry and Darlene Fenn have opened a new dental business in Fred Bear's former residence.

Any resemblance between the facts of life in the lumbering era and the story that the Grayling Rotary Club will tell on Dec. 3-4 will be strictly coincidental. Those are the dates of the annual Minstrel Show which has the theme this year, Milltown - The Lumberjack Era. The rugged lumberjacks include: "Spike" McIsaac, "Cross-cut" Nunn, "Axe" Naur, "Moose" Branch, "Bull" Thomson, "Slim" Hull, "Stix" Thompson and "Cookie" Lange.

Bob and Susan McCurdy are happy over the arrival of Brian Robert, who was born on November 1, 1981 at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

At the 4-H Second Annual

Awards Banquet held out at the High School the following achievement awards were presented to members of the 4-H Clubs: The Food and Nutrition Award went to Heidi Stephenson, The Horse Award went to Damon Thayer and Gerri Olson. Achievement Awards went to Marie Stephan, Ruth Boddy and Amy Hough.

46 Years Ago November 20, 1958

John Arthur, three-week old son of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman, was baptized Sunday, November 9th, at St. Mary's church.

The 1958 version of the Grayling High Viking basketball squad began its formation last Monday with the first workouts as the football togs were being stored away for another year. A group of 40 turned out for the first practice under head coach Bruce Smith. Last year's letter winners who are back are: Roger Hatfield, Oscar Horning, Jack Hull, Frank Gross, Gary Springs, Dave Wyman and Jim Kessler. Moving up from jayvee's will be Curt Smith, Bill Heath, Dick McLeod and Don Leslie. Bob Haskett, a transfer student from the Detroit area, will become eligible at the start of the second semester.

69 Years Ago November 21, 1935

Carl Tahvonen and his assistants have just completed new sidewalks and foundation wall about the Olson building, which is a nice improvement to that property. The stores are occupied by the Olson drug store and Esbern Olson Shoe

store.

Grey skies with no snow and mild weather greeted deer hunters for the opening of the season last Friday and has continued such so far. Register of Deeds Ronnew Hanson seems to have been the first local hunter to fill his license.

At a meeting of the Hospital Aid at the home of Mrs. A.J. Joseph last Thursday, Mrs. C.R. Keyport, President of the Aid, brought up the matter of the Aid giving another New Year's Ball and it was decided to have the ball Tuesday, December 31. There were thirty-nine ladies in attendance at the Aid meeting, which is the largest number in some time.

Nearly all of the seniors and juniors of Frederic High School were off for the first day of hunting season, having their class work and work books brought up in advance. Elmo Nephew was the only one successful in bringing in his buck. However, Nelson Vollmer, Clyde Lozon, Gerald Newberry and Erwin Duncley all report considerable pleasure in having shot near enough to scare their prospective bucks.

In Frederic News - Aubrey Welch was among the lucky hunters to get his buck the first morning of deer season.

The Ladies Missionary Society held an all day meeting on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Max Tobin. Clothes were packed and sent to the needy.

92 Years Ago November 21, 1912

Robbers entered the store of the Grayling Mercantile Co. last night and helped themselves to \$161. This is the third time that this store has been broken into within a very

short time.

Arthur McIntyre, who has been clerking in the Lewis & Co.'s drug store, has resigned and is now assisting at the post office.

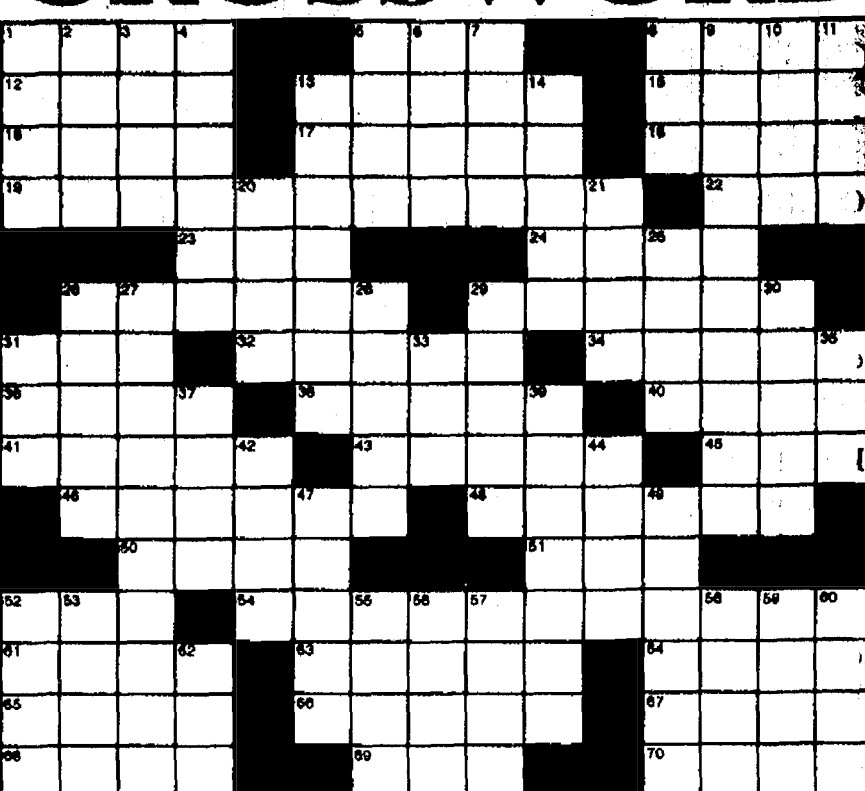
The Boyne City, Gaylord and Alpena railroad is again tied up with an injunction issued by the court at the request of a property owner, who has not agreed to the amount he shall receive for the right of way. The matter will be taken to the supreme court.

The home recently owned by Mrs. John Lowe of Beaver Creek occupied by Bandmaster Ed Clark and family has been sold. It was purchased for the use of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belmore.

Miss Augusta Kraus, who has been teaching near Lovells, resigned her position, spent Sunday at her home here and left Monday afternoon for Roscommon, where she is going to teach about five miles from that place.

Frequent inquiries come to this office regarding the health and condition of Dr. N. S. Insley. We are pleased to inform our readers that Dr. Insley has completely recovered from his injuries of February 19. With the assistance of artificial feet he is able to be around and is conducting his practice the same as before. There is scarcely a day that he is not called upon to perform at least one surgical operation at Mercy Hospital and he is called on in consultation in important cases in other cities. He can't walk quite as rapidly as before but he drives his car just as usual.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Thrust of a pointed weapon.
5. Acronym for Local Standard Time.
8. Takes or consumes.
12. To move so as to produce a vibrating sound.
13. Lover of Daphnis in a Greek pastoral romance.
15. To make unnecessary.
16. Acronym for Ohio Underground Railroad Association.
17. To arm again with new weapons.
18. To affirm positively.
19. Branch of medicine that deals with mental behavioral disorders.
22. Spherical body.
23. Acronym for Edison Electric Company.
24. Soft, flexible sheepskin leather used in bookbinding.
29. Off the right path.
31. Zhurbin, Russian born composer.
32. Pale to light purple.
34. Thurmond, senator from South Carolina.
36. In bed.
38. Coarse, twilled cloth, used for jeans.
40. Card turned face up at the beginning of faro.
41. Soft, twilled fabric of silk.
45. James, stunt man.
46. State of extreme strain.
48. Two kinds of atoms having the same atomic mass but different atomic numbers.
50. To make whole.
51. Yes.
52. Acronym for Memo for the Record.
54. Distinguishing characteristic.
61. vera, species native to the Mediterranean region.
63. Paul Adrien Maurice, English physicist.
64. Fully realized.
65. Unites by stitches.
66. Shafts of a feather.
68. Critical examination.
69. Yip, sharp, high-pitched bark.
70. Ancient Egyptian symbol of life.

DOWN

1. Variant of swap.
2. In this or that manner.
3. Light and graceful in movement.
4. Supported with a brace.
5. Acronym for Laboratory for High Energy Astrophysics (NASA).
6. To hurl smartly.
7. Unit of pressure equal to 1/760 of an atmosphere.
8. Acronym for United Space Alliance.
9. Girolamo, Italian religious and political reformer.
10. Always.
11. Inhabitant of Serbia.
13. Ring-shaped cartilage of the lower larynx.
14. Denver, CO band whose album is All Hall the Emirs.
21. Small beds.
25. Studies intended to provide general knowledge and intellectual skills.
26. Representation of words in the form of symbols presented in a puzzle.
27. Overturns.
28. Turns, twists or swings about.
29. One of small grains that make up some kinds of fruit.
30. Sanford Calvin, author of He Gave Some Prophets.
31. Down feather.
33. Acronym for Automatic Number Identifier.
35. Receptacle into which food is taken.
37. To challenge someone to do something.
39. Small colored pieces of stone set into a surface.
42. Collection of things thrown one on another.
44. foods, staple part of Chinese diet.
47. Conveys by sled.
49. Boxcar, movie starring Barbara Hershey.
52. Slender, vertical structure.
53. To run away from danger.
55. Town of significant size.
56. Acronym for Underground Research Educational Initiative.
57. Devices that produces light.
58. Koster, director of film Dead End.
60. Form of yes.
62. Acronym for Eastern Standard Time.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

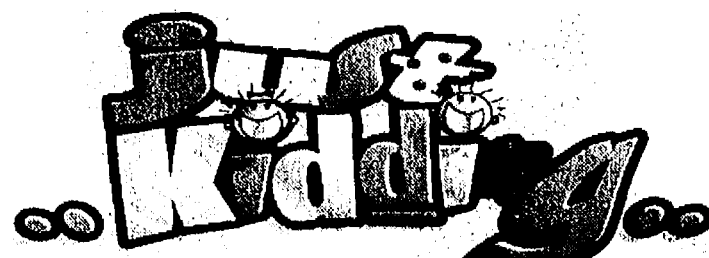
RECIPE OF THE WEEK



ALL AMERICAN CAT FISH

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| 4 | Catfish fillets | 1 | teaspoon chopped garlic |
| 1/4 | cup orange juice | 1/4 | teaspoon cracked black pepper |
| 2 | tablespoons soy sauce | 1 | tablespoon chopped fresh parsley |
| 1 | tablespoon lemon juice | | |
| 2 | tablespoons vegetable oil | | |

Rinse fillets, pat dry, and place in shallow glass dish. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over fillets. Chill for 1 to 3 hours. Preheat grill. Grill fillets over high heat, rounded side down, for 3 to 4 minutes. Turn fillets and grill for 3 to 4 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serves 4.



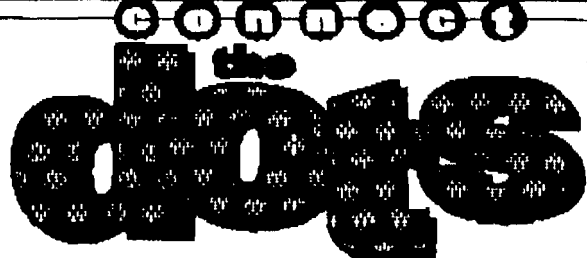
FIND THE TWINS

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The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall. Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of November 25, 2004



December 22-January 19

Extra responsibilities at the office cause tension at home. Scale back on things after work and spend more time with your family.



March 21-April 19

An elderly relative's emotional outburst makes you realize how neglected they are. Rearrange your schedule so that you can visit them more often.



June 22-July 22

Your organizational skills are unmatched. Friends will rely on that to help them plan an important event. A mix-up occurs at work.



September 23-October 22

Time to pick up the pace on a project at work. The deadline is approaching fast and you're far from where you need to be.



January 20-February 18

You overreact and make a huge deal out of nothing. Make amends now or risk losing a relationship. An announcement surprises you.



April 20-May 20

Time to rev things up at home. Plan a special outing or take a mini vacation to someplace you've always wanted to go.



July 23-August 22

You're inspired to get involved in the community but you really don't have the time to participate in an organization. Be a volunteer instead.



October 23-November 21

An investment turns out well. Celebrate with a small purchase. Travel plans come full circle. Pack your bags and prepare for a great adventure.



February 19-March 20

Your hard work finally pays off and your financial assets increase. Use your wisdom to help a family member who is having money troubles.



May 21-June 21

An upheaval at work causes you some distress. Try to look at it from the company's perspective; you may see the value in it after all.



August 23-September 22

A romantic gesture lifts your spirits. Spread your cheer to others. Praise is showered upon you at work for your fine proposal.



November 22-December 21

Passion burns brighter than ever. Do something as bold as to show your spouse someone how much you truly care.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain
11/17	47	41	0.03
11/18	53	47	T
11/19	54	31	0
11/20	46	35	0.02
11/21	52	35	0.03
11/22	39	21	0

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Date	H	L	Rain
11/23	High 35	Low 17	Snow Showers
11/24	High 35	Low 22	Few Snow Showers
11/25	High 40	Low 21	Snow Showers
11/26	High 40	Low 28	Mostly Cloudy
11/27	High 44	Low 23	Rain/Snow Showers
11/28	High 40	Low 21	Mostly Cloudy

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HUNTERS RECREATION property, two plus acres. Reduced \$15,000, buy now \$13,900. County road frontage, AuSable, 2 minutes east of Grayling, by owner. 989-348-7355. (-11/25/04tf/1)

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10 ACRES OF NICE HARDWOODS A super 10 acre parcel with nice hardwoods and power at the road. Lots of game in the area. \$32,000 #235669

10+ ACRES NEXT TO STATE LAND Secluded 10+ wooded acres adjacent to state land. Beautiful hunting, sledding and recreational property. \$30,000 #231850

NICE 10 ACRES Nice 10 acres parcel with state land only 1/4 mile away. A great spot for a cabin, home, or just a camping site. 90% wooded with lots of deer in the area. LAND CONTRACT POSSIBLE. \$25,400 #235628

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Stunning Home w/242' on the AuSable! Extras galore: a large study casual and formal dining, formal living room w/beveled glass doors, family room has fireplace & doorwall to deck overlooking the river, beautiful Oak & Maple staircase leads to 4 generous bedrooms & bath. #5397 \$250,000	Lovely 4 bedroom 2 bath home situated on 6.98 acres in northern Michigan prime snowmobile country. Home has large rooms, large 24x40 attached garage with upper bonus room, and an additional 30x40 unattached garage. #5376 \$165,500	Charming 1910 home with 3 bedrooms , 2 baths, full basement, full attic area and Tons of Character! Original hardwood floors, newer roof and windows. Two car garage attached by breezeway. Sits on 2 1/2 lots right in town. #5392 \$125,000	Location, quality, value and charm! This 1 BR, bi-level home in Roscommon's desirable Brookside acres is a must see. Home features unique hot tub room/family room combo, 2 car attached heated garage with entrance to lower level, 2 gas fireplaces, too much to list. #5231 \$165,900	Stunning panoramic views of Lake Margrethe. Beautiful setting on the lake offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,720 square foot home with storage galore! Sandy bottom frontage with stone seawall, wrap around decking and awesome sunsets! #5336 \$319,500
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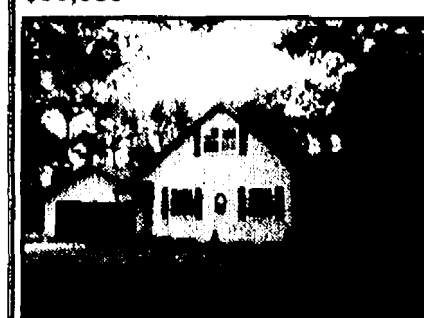
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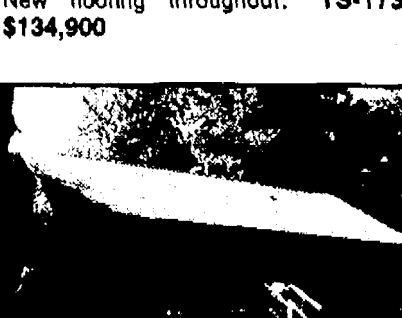
CONVENIENTLY LOCATED - NEWLY REMODELED Recently remodeled home in excellent condition. Beautifully landscaped yard. New furnace, new drain field and many extras. A home that you truly need to preview to appreciate. Located close to town, the high school, bike path, snowmobile trails & I-75. TS-1986 \$96,000



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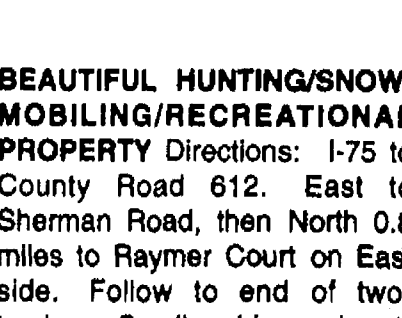
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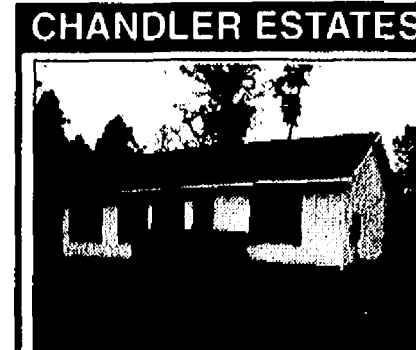


This home has great curb appeal. Exceptional four bedroom home with two and 1/2 baths and a total of 2,358 s/f of custom living space. Located on the Fox Run golf course this home features an attached garage and 20x36 detached garage for additional storage. #5363 \$299,000



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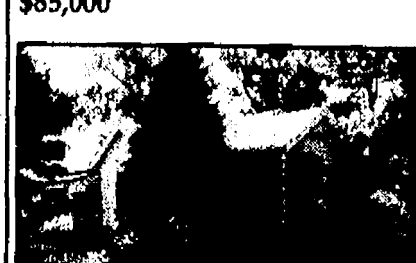
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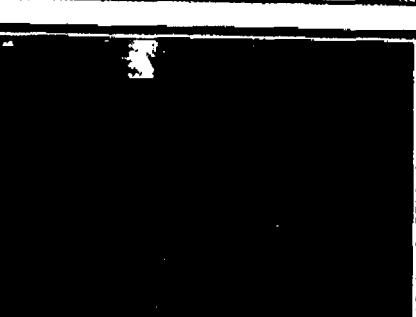
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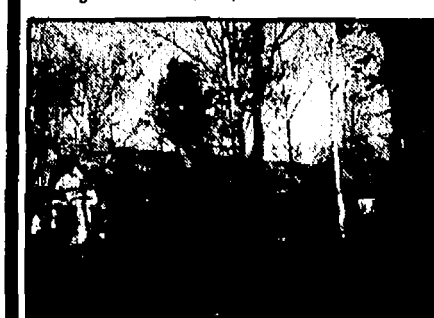
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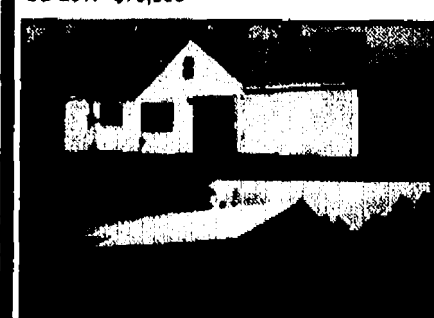
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2.5 ACRES OFF BURTON'S LANDING ROAD 30x34 log cottage. AuSable River access, includes windows & doors. Travel trailer on site available for additional \$4,000. \$72,900. CH-1913



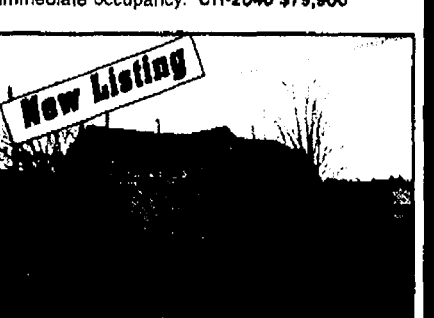
HARBOR BEACH WITH DREDGED CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE SHARED SANDY BEACH 80' of shared private beach on Lake Margrethe. 3-story Chalet offers 2BR, 1 3/4BA with 1800 square feet. This home is perfect for entertaining with 2 kitchens. Includes all the appliances, 2 stoves, 2 refrigerators, microwaves, garbage disposal, washer & dryer. Extensive cedar deck of living room on upper level offers breath taking views. Beamed ceilings with pickled white-wash. Ceramic tile in baths, black top circle driveway. Master Bed Private on property. Never roof on house and garage. Property adjoins private buccular park to the South. Private boat slip 87 with dock. Picnic area with volleyball & basketball court. Private road is paved. Annual Dues \$200. CS-1989 \$186,000



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3. Employment

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7. Miscellaneous

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9. Personals

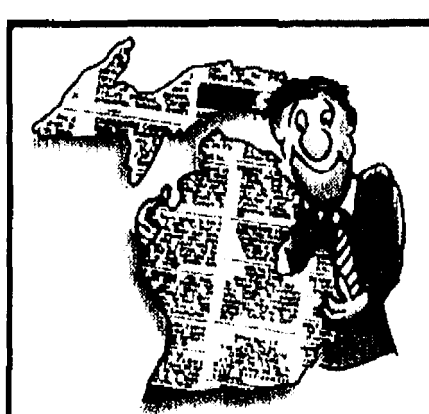
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9. Personals

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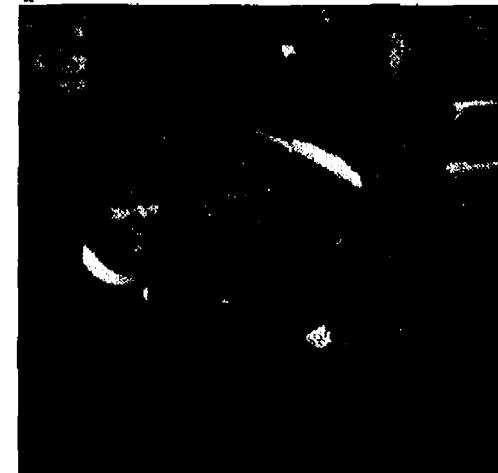
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at 12:00 p.m. on December 6, 2004 in the lobby of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle is located at 3488 Jones Lake Road, Grayling if anyone is interested in viewing the vehicle prior to the sale.

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